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Sixteen die, hundreds homeless in S. Africa faction war

JOHANNESBURG. — The death toll rose to 16 yesterday from two days of large-scale factional warfare at a sprawling squatter camp where hundreds of shack dwellers have been burned down.

Dozens of people have been wounded, more than 800 homes have been burned down, and an estimated 10,000 people have been left homeless at the Crossroads squatter settlement near Cape Town, according to police and relief workers.

Police have confirmed 14 deaths in the battles between conservative and left-wing factions at Crossroads, and the government-run South African Broadcasting Corporation reported that the burned bodies of two more victims had been found.

The battle broke out on Sunday, and continued on Monday, involving several hundred fighters on each side. Residents say the left-wing faction is composed primarily of youths, while the conservative faction is composed of older men.

The Red Cross and other relief groups have set up emergency medical clinics and are distributing food, blankets and clothing to homeless families.

"It's impossible to work out how many people need help," said a Red Cross spokesman. "It's chaos out there, it's a war."

Reporters said fighting resumed yesterday but that police and soldiers ordered journalists away from the area.

Crossroads is home for an estimated 100,000 people, many of them migrants from poor rural areas of the Cape.

Meanwhile, South Africa's central bank moved in to give strong support to the rand, battered yesterday following the military raids on Johannesburg, Zambia, and Botswana on Monday.

Foreign exchange dealers said the Reserve Bank had sold \$160 million to help prop up the currency which plunged after the raids. The bank's intervention pushed the rand up to 44.50 U.S. cents after it had dropped to 42.50 in early trading. The dealers said there was chaos in the market as operators, fearing international sanctions over the attack, demanded dollars.

The raids in which at least three people died created worldwide anger, and more international anger was expressed yesterday.

In London, Commonwealth mediators on South Africa said yesterday their peace initiative was not dead despite the raids, but Britain remained adamant it will not impose stiff economic sanctions.

"I do not believe sanctions and isolation of South Africa are any more likely to achieve the desired negotiations after the raids than they were before," Prime Minister Thatcher told the House of Commons, amid fears from social opponents.

In Zimbabwe, southern Africa's "frontline states," last night denounced South Africa and called for international economic and political sanctions against Pretoria. Ending a one-day crisis meeting called to review the raids, the foreign ministers of the six-nation group said Pretoria's actions showed it had embarked on "a suicidal path of destruction, violence and death."

The ministers are from Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. (AP, Reuters)

House votes for probe on Waldheim

WASHINGTON (AP). — The House of Representatives voted yesterday to urge a speedy investigation of former UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim's alleged Nazi past that could bar his entry into the U.S.

The House approved the resolution on a voice vote. The bill was approved 31-0 earlier in the day by the House Judiciary Committee.

The resolution met no strong opposition on the floor of the House. But concern was voiced in the committee meeting that U.S. congressional action might influence upcoming run-off elections in Austria, where Waldheim is a candidate for the presidency.

Supporters conceded that the Justice Department already has an investigation under way, and that the resolution simply would put Congress on record in support of the proceedings.

In Vienna, an opinion poll published yesterday said that Kurt Waldheim was favored by 53 per cent of voters to win the run-off Austrian presidential election on June 8.

Waldheim was given this lead over socialist candidate Kurt Steyrer in a Gallup poll conducted May 7 to 9.

Saudis cancel missile order to pave way for other U.S. weapons

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — Saudi Arabia has withdrawn its order for 800 advanced Stinger missiles from the controversial \$354 million U.S. arms purchase proposal, and the Reagan administration is hoping the move will persuade Congress to let the rest of the deal go through.

Sen. John Warner told reporters after a meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz that Saudi Ambassador Prince Bandar Sultan had told President Reagan yesterday his country is "voluntarily" withdrawing that part of the 2,600-missile sale.

Reagan was due to meet late last night with about a dozen American Jewish political activists from around the country. The president was expected to try to explain why the Saudi missile sale is in the best U.S. national interest.

Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy, writing yesterday in *The New York Times*, said that the congressional action against the sale "helps neither the cause of regional peace nor Israel's security."

"The commitment of this administration to Israel is beyond question," he wrote. "We will take no step that endangers Israel. The proposed sale of weapons does not affect Israel's security. On the contrary, strengthening Saudi Arabia's capacity to defend the Gulf against Iranian radicalism can only serve the interests of all moderate states in the region."

The White House spokesman meanwhile said the administration will continue to work with the Republican leadership in the Senate to win support for the sale.

Both the Senate and House voted overwhelmingly earlier this month to reject the sale and, until yesterday's last-minute change in the package, were believed to have enough support to override a promised presidential veto.

It was not immediately clear how many senators would switch their vote and support Reagan.

A spokesman for Sen. Alan Cranston, who has led the opposition to the sale, said removal of the shoulder-fired, anti-aircraft stingers from the Saudi's shopping list would not change his position.

Talks reported to free Sakharov

BONN (AP). — Negotiations are under way for an East-West prisoner exchange that could include the release of Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov, the mass-circulation *Bild* reported yesterday.

West German officials denied the report and noted *Bild* has carried a similar dispatch on several occasions in recent months.

"We have nothing to say about that. There is nothing to it," said a Foreign Ministry spokesman.

Bild, without citing sources, said negotiations for a prisoner exchange are being conducted among Soviet, South African, U.S., and West German representatives.

U.S. negotiators are pressing for the release of Sakharov, sentenced to internal exile in the Soviet city of Gorky, and for "several U.S. agents imprisoned in the Soviet Union," *Bild* said.

Discussion by general staff would be 'irrelevant today' Rabin says 'No' to review of strategy report

By ASHER WALLISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Defence Minister Rabin said yesterday that "a discussion on the Wald report about the capacity of the IDF senior command to cope with long-term planning and strategy would be irrelevant today in the forum of the general staff."

But the report's author said: "I am aware of the cost of damage to the IDF's image, but the cost of silence will be higher."

Speaking to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Rabin said: "I have no intention of instructing the general staff to discuss the report. I should have given the requisite orders at the time, but I did not do so. I was partly at fault and so was the chief of general staff."

Dr. Emanuel Wald, an aluf-mishne (colonel) in the reserves, resigned from the army after the detailed report he was commissioned to prepare was not brought to the general staff.

Rabin said: "The relevant section of Wald's report has been handed to the officer in charge of long-term planning and will be used as part of his basis for making plans."

The minister described Wald as an excellent systems analyst who had served in the IDF for 10 years. "He has a good head, but sometimes expresses himself in a vulgar and aggressive manner," Rabin said. "His description of IDF officers as 'whores' was out of place."

"The Wald report contains an interesting analysis. It contains facts about the IDF which give cause for concern. But to what end?"

"He has a lot of good ideas. But he doesn't know how to implement them, and neither do I."



Sudanese athlete Omer Khalifa, carrying an Olympic-style torch, runs through Paris yesterday in his Khartoum-to-New York mission to seek support for African hunger relief. He met during the day with President Mitterrand. Khalifa began his run on May 16 and is due to end it on May 25.

Boycott over 'nudnik' report

Weizman will ask Shultz to step up involvement if Taba talks succeed

Jerusalem Post Staff

WASHINGTON. — Visiting Minister without Portfolio Ezer Weizman is expected today to continue to urge Secretary of State George Shultz to intensify his personal involvement in the effort to improve Israeli-Egyptian relations.

Weizman has been invited to return to the State Department for a second round of talks with Shultz. They first met last Thursday.

At that time, Weizman reportedly brought the Secretary of State a message from Prime Minister Peres urging Shultz to return to the Middle East if some sort of breakthrough on resolving the Taba border dispute is achieved in the coming days. The State Department's legal adviser, Judge Abraham Sofaer, is in Israel for the latest round of Israeli-Egyptian talks on Taba.

Weizman and Peres, according to authoritative sources, want Shultz to concentrate on Israeli-Egyptian relations, at least for the time being. They are said to believe that an improvement in these ties would automatically have a positive effect on broader Arab-Israeli peace efforts, and especially in getting negotiations with Jordan off the ground.

The *New York Times* yesterday quoted U.S. officials as saying that Shultz is considering a trip to the Middle East if Israel and Egypt can work out an agreement on submitting the Taba dispute to arbitration.

Israeli embassy officials in Washington said that Eli Rubinstein, the number two diplomat at the Embassy, would accompany Weizman to the State Department — and not Rosemne.

They said that Weizman's public

criticism of Rosemne has made it impossible for the ambassador to go with Weizman to today's meeting.

There was a political uproar in Israel when it became known that the Prime Minister's office had not informed the Foreign Ministry of Weizman's talks with Shultz. As a result, Rosemne was placed in an embarrassing position by not knowing of the meetings until after they had occurred. He later complained to Weizman.

Weizman insisted that it was the responsibility of the Prime Minister's Office to inform the Foreign Ministry of his Washington talks.

The fact that Peres has authorized a second round of Weizman-Shultz talks was seen by political observers here as a victory of sorts for Weizman. He is known to be anxious to play an active role in trying to advance peace efforts.

In the Taba talks, a measure of progress was achieved on minor issues at yesterday's session in Herzliya. But there was no breakthrough by late last night on the key dispute over the phrasing of the "question" the arbitrators will be asked to answer.

The head of the U.S. delegation, Abraham Sofaer, met in the morning with the heads of the Israeli and Egyptian delegations and apparently proposed a number of possible bridging formulas. But none of them won joint agreement.

The talks are expected to continue tomorrow.

American sources in Tel Aviv said yesterday they had no word of a possible visit to the area by Shultz. While touring in the Galilee yesterday, Peres also said he had no word

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Russian general pledges support for Damascus

Concern over new Soviet land missiles for Syria

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Israel is carefully following reports that Syria is about to receive ultra-modern long-range ground-to-ground missiles from the Soviet Union, Premier Peres said yesterday.

In Damascus, a senior Soviet general yesterday pledged support for Syria's "struggle for the liberation of the occupied territories."

Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy meanwhile strongly attacked Syrian designs, saying that Damascus is preparing itself militarily to destroy Israel. He specifically stressed that the Syrians are continuing to build up their military infrastructure in Lebanon.

Arab newspapers in the Persian Gulf have said that the Syrians would get USSR's latest MiG-29 fighters and SS-23 long-range missiles by the end of the year to replace its SS-21 and Scud missiles.

Syria and the USSR are bound by a 20-year treaty signed in 1980, and Moscow is Damascus's main arms supplier. The expression of support for Syria came from visiting Soviet Lt.-Gen. Alesei Lizitchev, director of the political department of the Soviet Armed Forces.

Peres, who spoke to reporters while on a tour of the north, referred to the reports of the Syrian acquisition of the SS-23, a highly accurate missile with a 500km. range, making it capable of hitting targets all over Israel. It can carry a chemical warhead. The Scud missile has a 300km. range.

Peres said that new weapons systems are constantly being introduced into the region, and the IDF seeks the appropriate responses. "I have no doubt that the IDF can defend

Israel. Each new type of weapon presents a technical problem for which the IDF can find the solution," Peres asserted.

"Weapons are not fired by themselves. Someone has to give an order. But Israel is trying to find ways to reduce current tensions."

Levy said that Syrian troops in the Bekaa Valley are still preparing new fortifications. He spoke with reporters while visiting troops in South Lebanon.

Levy recalled the Syrian plan to incorporate Lebanon as a part of a Greater Syria. He noted that recent criticism of Syria by political figures abroad had been aimed only at its role in promoting terrorism.

He added that public statements made lately by leaders in both Syria and Israel had reduced tensions somewhat. Nevertheless, he stressed, Israel's military presence in the area is aimed at preventing surprises.

He said that Israel's gains in the security zone of South Lebanon during the past year were "greater than we had expected at first." He said that no changes were expected in the IDF's approach in the zone, as long as terror from Lebanon is still a threat.

Both the SS-23 and MiG-29 are

the latest Soviet frontline weapons and have only recently been introduced into service in the USSR itself.

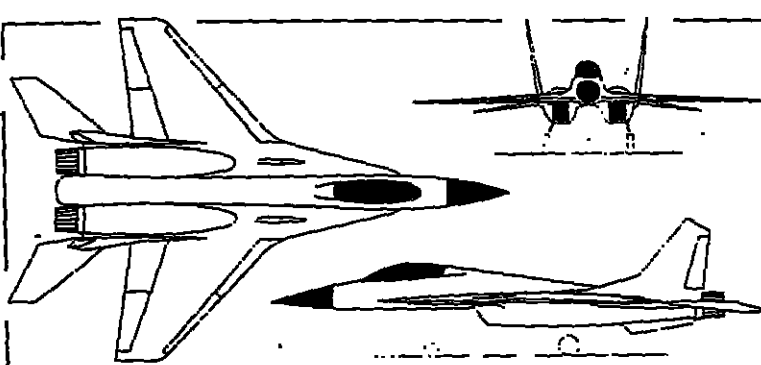
The first of a completely new generation of fighters to be acquired by the Soviet Air Force in early 1984, the single-seat MiG-29 is a twin-engine aircraft comparable in size and performance to the U.S. F-16, which is in service with the Israeli Air Force. An important difference is that the MiG is fitted with sophisticated radar which gives it all-weather capability against low-flying targets.

The SS-23 tactical missile is reported to be the successor to the widely deployed SS-1 Scud system. The Scud is gradually being replaced by the SS-23 in Soviet service.

Wolf Blitzer adds: U.S. defence analysts yesterday were sceptical about news reports that the Soviet Union has already started to deploy SS-23 ground-to-ground missiles in Syria.

They noted that the Soviet Union only began deploying the missiles in Soviet military units last year.

But the analysts said that the MiG-29's could be expected to start arriving in Syria before the end of this year — if they are not already there.



A drawing of the MiG-29 from "Jane's All the World's Aircraft."

Andreotti ends visit after meeting Palestinians

Italy 'more sober' now on Arabs

By BENNY MORRIS
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

Israeli officials yesterday spoke of Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti's visit here as a symbol of a change in Italian attitudes towards the Arabs.

Andreotti yesterday flew back to Rome after the three-day visit, deemed "highly successful" by sources in Jerusalem.

The officials said that the decline in Arab power and influence — largely due to the sharp drop in oil prices and to the sense of outrage engendered by terrorist attacks — has wrought a change in Italian thinking about the Middle East and led to a "more sober view of the Arabs."

Andreotti, perceived as pro-Arab and a symbol of such an orientation, wants to change his image, the officials said. The visit to Israel, in which Andreotti was accompanied, significantly by some 35 Italian journalists, was regarded as contributing to that change.

The whole tenor of the visit, according to Israeli officials, was to stress the good relations prevailing between the two countries. Andreotti "made efforts to emphasize the points of agreement" and avoided, as did his host, Foreign Minister Shamir, areas of disagreement.

Indeed, Shamir gave his officials



Giulio Andreotti (Camera Press)

explicit instructions to make Andreotti's stay as pleasant as possible, to show that there is no grudge against him in Jerusalem.

The officials pointed out that in previous meetings between Andreotti and Israeli leaders, Andreotti was wont to dwell on the need to solve the Palestinian problem. During this visit, however, the matter received very cursory treatment.

Andreotti instead emphasized the need for joint efforts against international terrorism.

Andreotti also met with Defence Minister Rabin in the Knesset, and discussed international terror and Syria's involvement in recent terror activities.

Palestinians from the administered territories met yesterday with Andreotti and urged him to push for

an expanded European role in Middle East peace efforts.

The meeting at the Italian consulate in Jerusalem was attended by deposed Gaza mayor Rashad Shawwa, *Al-Fajr* editor Hanna Siniroa, deposed Hebron mayor Mustafa Natshe and Gaza lawyer Fayez Abu Rahme. Siniroa and Abu Rahme have been mentioned as members of a proposed Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to peace talks.

"We concentrated on the importance of a European role in finding a solution according to the EEC's Venice Declaration, and we believe Italy can assist in this matter," Natshe said after the meeting.

The 1980 EEC declaration called for PLO "association" with Middle East peace talks, and endorsed the Palestinians' right to self-determination. Andreotti and Shamir reportedly agreed yesterday the declaration is "inoperative," though the Palestinians indicated Andreotti still supports it.

"We know that Andreotti is an architect of the Venice Declaration. What was discussed in Venice should be implemented, and not remain just words," said Siniroa.

Andreotti is understood to believe that the PLO is the representative of the Palestinians and that residents of the territories have no special political role in future talks, according to the Palestinian participants.

Israel out to prevent talks between Arafat, EEC chief

By YOSSI LEMPKOWICZ
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Israel is doing all it can to forestall a meeting between the president of the EEC Council of Ministers, Hans van den Broek, and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

In Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Shamir yesterday asked Bundestag President Philipp Jenninger to use his influence to prevent the scheduled meeting.

Shamir told Jenninger that such a meeting would strengthen the PLO and harm the chances for Middle East peace. Shamir also said such a meeting would be a blow to Jordan's King Hussein, who recently severed his ties with Arafat, and to the moderates in the Arab world.

Van den Broek, who is Dutch foreign minister as well as president

of the EEC Council of Ministers, did not rule out the possibility of a meeting next weekend in Tunis with the PLO chairman. He told reporters yesterday that he had received "indications" of the PLO's desire to have talks with him during his two-day official visit to Tunis on May 25-26.

"If the PLO wants to have a talk, I would not reject it," he said. Van den Broek did not specifically state he would meet with Arafat, but he didn't rule out the possibility of meetings with PLO officials "of a higher level than the head of the political department, Farouk Kadumi."

He added, "Even if the PLO was implicated in terrorism, it would not

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Soviets name new envoy to Washington

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet Union yesterday named Yuri Dubinin, ambassador to the UN and a former envoy in Spain, as its new ambassador to the U.S.

Career diplomat Dubinin, 55, replaces the veteran ambassador to Washington, Anatoly Dobrynin, who was elevated to the inner Krem-

lin leadership at the Communist Party congress in March.

The appointment of Dubinin, a grey-haired history scholar, to Moscow's most prestigious diplomatic post was the 34th ambassadorial move announced since Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev took power in March last year.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

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AMSTERDAM	12	54	64	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	10	50	60	Cloudy
BIRMINGHAM	10	50	60	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	9	49	59	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	14	57	67	Cloudy
GENEVA	14	57	67	Cloudy
HELSINKI	10	50	60	Cloudy
KOBE	20	72	82	Cloudy
LONDON	12	54	64	Cloudy
MADRID	11	53	63	Cloudy
MONTREAL	11	53	63	Cloudy
NEW YORK	22	72	82	Cloudy
OSLO	7	45	55	Cloudy
PARIS	15	59	69	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	19	66	76	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	13	55	65	Cloudy
TOKYO	16	61	71	Cloudy
TORONTO	10	50	60	Cloudy
VIENNA	14	57	67	Cloudy
ZURICH	14	57	67	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Cooler.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	48	13-22	20
Colonia	42	11-25	24
Safed	38	12-24	20
Haifa Port	39	16-31	27
Tiberias	33	15-26	24
Nazareth	40	16-28	26
Afula	40	14-25	24
Shomron	40	16-24	23
Tel Aviv	70	15-25	23
B-G Airport	33	17-33	28
Jericho	32	17-33	28
Gaza	72	17-33	23
Beer Sheva	37	15-28	26
Eilat	16	21-33	30

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Chaim Herzog yesterday received at Beit Hanassi a delegation from the West German Bundestag, headed by Philipp Jenninger.

Herzog also received Barry Cohen, Australian Minister of the Arts, Heritage and Environment.

U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Thomas Pickering, is scheduled to visit the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology today. Ambassador Pickering will meet Technion President, Prof. Josef Singer, and tour the Faculties of Electrical and Aeronautical Engineering.

The President of the West German parliament, the Bundestag, Dr. Philipp Jenninger, and his five vice presidents, including Vice President Annemarie Renger, will head a delegation of West German parliamentarians in a visit today to the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. The group will meet with Technion leadership and tour the Coler-California Visitors' Centre and the Faculty of Agricultural Engineering.

The Rotary Club members and their spouses will meet at 8 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the Tel Aviv Hilton to attend the visiting delegation of the Rotary club of Frankfurt, Germany. The mayor of Tel Aviv, Shlomo Lahat, will give an address.

In Memoriam

A memorial ceremony was held last night at Petah Tikva's Brenner School to mark a year since the death of 19 pupils, a teacher and a mother in the train-bus collision at the Habonim junction. Some 1,000 people attended, including Education Minister Navon.

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Korens from the U.S.A., for the inauguration of the Kovens Health Systems Management Centre at Tel Aviv University. Eng. Wolf Blumenthal of Argentina, Chairman of the Argentinean Friends of Tel Aviv University, and Mrs. Blumenthal; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Leigh from England; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gluckstein from England; for the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University.

Mr. Hyman Kreitman from England, Chairman of the Ben-Gurion University Foundation in Great Britain and Mrs. Kreitman; Dr. and Mrs. Abram Hoffer, Mr. Herman Mahlerman, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vickar, from Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krupp, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Krupp from USA; Dr. Abram Sachar from USA to receive an honorary doctorate from Ben-Gurion University and Mrs. Sachar, all for the 16th Annual Board of Governors meeting of Ben-Gurion University.

Betar J'lem to face Shimshon TA in cup

Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Betar Jerusalem, the state cupholders, yesterday came from behind to beat Maccabi Tel Aviv 2-1 and hence will face Shimshon Tel Aviv in next week's cup final at the Ramat Gan Stadium.

In an earlier game, Shimshon coasted into the final with a 4-0 win over third-division Maccabi Hadera.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of the head of our family

YEHUDA HELLMAN ז"ל

who has passed away in the United States.

The coffin will be brought for burial on the Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, on Thursday, May 22, 1986.

The funeral service will take place in the courtyard of the Jewish Agency Building, 48 King George St., Jerusalem, at 11:00 a.m., after which the cortege will leave for the Mount of Olives.

Shiva at the Lebensart family residence, 78 Rehov Hahayil, French Hill, Jerusalem.

Hellman and Lebensart Families

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Liberals defend Recanat's stand against Bejski recommendations

By AVI TEMKIN
Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter
The refusal of Bank Discount Chairman Rafael Recanat to resign his post, as urged by the Bejski Commission of Inquiry into the bank's collapse, has become a political issue, with senior Liberal Party ministers openly supporting him.

Justice Minister Yitzhak Moda'i expressed strong doubts about the chances of forcing Recanat to comply with the commission's recommendations, while Science Minister Gideon Parit attacked the commission members, accusing them of being moved by "feelings of revenge."

Meanwhile, senior government sources said yesterday that Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum has asked senior personalities in the National Religious Party to intercede on his behalf with the government, so he will receive a senior official appointment after his resignation. Mandelbaum is due to resign at the end of

this month, after presenting the annual report of the central bank.

The sources indicated that so far Mandelbaum's request has been denied. They said that in June 1985 a senior cabinet personality had suggested that Mandelbaum quit his post "with dignity," in which case he would have been appointed to a senior position. Mandelbaum declined that offer, and "now it is too late," they said.

Speaking yesterday in Haifa, Parit remarked that the Bejski Commission members were "inexperienced men" who had not got to the roots of the problem they had examined. He added that the recommendations regarding the capital market were not worth implementing. He also criticized the call for the resignation of senior bankers, and defended Recanat's refusal to comply with it.

Moda'i said yesterday that any law that forces Recanat to resign will mean the virtual nationalization of Bank

Discount. He also expressed doubts whether the governor of the Bank of Israel is empowered to force Recanat to resign. The Bejski Commission had called on the governor to fire the heads of the banks within 30 days if they failed to resign within the first 30 days following the release of its report, or the banks' directors did not fire them within another 30 days.

Reacting to Moda'i's and Parit's criticisms, Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi yesterday urged Finance Minister Moshe Nissim to convene the ministerial committee set up to discuss the implementation of the Bejski Commission recommendations.

Ya'acobi said the committee should discuss the way the recommendations have been implemented by the commercial banks, including the issue of "personal recommendations." Ya'acobi's request was seen as a sign of growing dissatisfaction among Labour Party members at Recanat's attitude.

Labour MK David Liba'i, chairman of the Knesset

State Control Committee, yesterday said he would convene the committee today, and would propose that Recanat be invited to tell the committee what his official position is. Liba'i said he would also propose inviting members of Discount Bank's board of directors.

Liba'i dismissed Moda'i's declarations about inability of the governor of the Bank of Israel to fire Recanat. "With all due respect to the justice minister, the commission was headed by Supreme Court Justice Moshe Bejski. The commission proposed that the governor should use its power to fire rebellious bankers, and proposed legislation if it is not possible," he said.

Meanwhile MK Haim Ramon (Alignment) fulfilled his threat at the Knesset Finance Committee to delay approval of bond issues connected to the commercial banks until full implementation of the Bejski Commission recommendations is assured. Ramon yesterday prevented the approval of bond issues for Bank Leumi and Bank Mizrahi worth NIS 22 million.

21 years for TA rapist

By YORAM GAZIT

For The Jerusalem Post
TEL AVIV. - Yussuf Mahagna, the so-called "North Tel Aviv rapist," was sentenced yesterday at the Tel Aviv District Court to 21 years in prison after being found guilty of three rapes and eight burglaries. He was cleared of two other charges.

After Judge Hannah Evenor found him guilty, Mahagna swore at her and attacked Police Inspector David Miterani. He was subdued and carried out of the courtroom.

Mahagna was brought back to court to hear his sentence.

He had a black eye. "I'm not guilty of the rape charges," he told reporters later. "I simply broke into those apartments. The public and the press convicted me long ago because I am an Arab and harmed my family. The press also did to me injustice, and remember, I'm promising you, there will be more rape after I go to jail."

A few of the rape victims sat quietly in court throughout the trial.

After the verdict, one of them, tears in her eyes, approached prosecutor Pinna Dvornik and thanked her for her efforts. She said: "He deserved what he got, but I still feel it is not enough."

Mahagna was arrested at 2:30 a.m. on May 31, 1985, after trying to break into an apartment on Sderot Nordau.

Mahagna, 32, a resident of Umm al-Fahm is married, and the father of five children. He terrorized North Tel Aviv women with a series of brutal rapes. His victims lived alone in one specific northern neighborhood. The rapes of which he was found guilty were committed in July 1984, January 1985, and April 1985. In all cases, the victims were threatened with a knife, and one was robbed of a gold chain and bracelet. Police discovered Mahagna through fingerprints he left in the apartments and on the weapons.

Mahagna's attorney, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that he had not expected such a heavy sentence.

Kulas to present racism bill to Knesset plenum today

By ASHER WALLFISH

Post Knesset Correspondent

Law Committee chairman Eliezer Kulas said yesterday that he would present the bill prohibiting incitement to racism in the plenum this morning for its second and third reading. He thus removed the doubt which plagued the Knesset for the past two days about the fate of the controversial legislation designed to muzzle Kach MK Meir Kahane.

Kulas's Liberal colleague Sara Doron, who chairs the Likud faction, said yesterday that the legislation should not be delayed any further.

Kulas and Doron went ahead despite the fact that their party chief, Justice Minister Moda'i, requested more time to study the legislation and called for its return to the Law Committee.

Energy Minister Shahal, who serves as one of the ministers in liaison with the Knesset, quoted cabinet decisions permitting coalition MKs a free vote on the anti-racism bill. He spoke in the Alignment faction caucus.

Speaker Shlomo Hillel said the bill would be on today's agenda unless the government formally requests that the item be removed. "I shall call on Kulas to come to the rostrum and present the legislation. If he is not there, it will be a disgrace."

Prof. David Liba'i said he had read the secret section of the Hebrew University controller's report on the controversial award of a law degree to Kulas. "If Kulas does not present the law on Wednesday, he will not be fit to hold a law degree," Liba'i said.

Cairo denies aiding Ethiopian Jews

Ethiopian Jews

CAIRO (Reuters). - Egypt yesterday denied it helped send a group of Ethiopian Jews to Israel, as charged by opposition groups in parliament last week.

Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid told parliament yesterday: "We have not and we will never help the airlift of Falashas to Israel."

French delegation fired on near Tyre

BEIRUT (Reuters). - Unidentified gunmen near Tyre opened fire on a helicopter carrying French parliamentary delegation and the French ambassador yesterday, forcing it to land after a fuel tank was hit.

MIDDLE EAST

Opposition says 15 died in Jordan riots

At least 15 persons were killed and 85 injured in last week's riots at Jordan's Yarmuk University, according to a claim last night by Jordanian opposition groups in Beirut.

The "Jordanian national movements and political parties" said the casualties were caused after Jordanian security forces entered the campus at the northern city of Irbid. Jordanian government figures had put the casualties at three students killed and 18 policemen wounded.

The Alliance Israelite Universelle in Israel

mourns the passing of

Lady HADASSAH SAMUEL

Member of the Board of Directors of our Institutions
Our sincere condolences to her family.

The Jewish Agency for Israel

The World Zionist Organization

The funeral of

YEHUDA HELLMAN ז"ל

Executive Vice-Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations will leave from the courtyard of the Jewish Agency Building, 48 King George St., Jerusalem, at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 22, for burial on the Mount of Olives. Transportation will be available. The Shiva will be observed at the home of his daughter, Dorlee Lebensart, 78 Rehov Hahayil, French Hill, Jerusalem.

Six West Bank Arabs charged with murder of soldier

NABLUS (Itim). - Six West Bank Arabs, including three women and a doctor, were charged yesterday in connection with the kidnapping and murder of soldier David Manos, whose body was found last March after he had been missing for almost a year and a half.

Manos' remains were discovered in a cave near the village of Dir Balut.

The indictments were presented at the Nablus military court, where

four of the accused were charged with kidnapping and murder and the other two were charged with lesser offences connected to the crime. They were all said to be members of the Fatah wing of the PLO.

Those accused of murder are Taufik Ibrahim Abdullah, from Dir Balut, the alleged leader and organizer of the group; Mustafa Mahmud Karush, 28, from Dir Balut; Lamia Maaruf Abdullah, 22, wife of the first accused and Zahara Said Abu

Hassan, 28, Karush's sister-in-law.

The four were also charged with placing bombs at Tel Aviv central bus station and at Beilinson Hospital, Petah Tikva, in 1985. The bombs failed to explode. They were further charged with membership of Fatah.

One of the other two defendants, Tahsin Yakoub Hassan Abdullah, 30, from Dir Balut, was charged with membership of a terrorist cell, with being the gang-leader's driver, and with helping him collect weapons and explosives from caches identi-

fied by information coming Jordan.

The sixth defendant, named as Dr. May, 30, from Birzeit, was accused of membership of a terrorist organization and of passing information to the killers about the whereabouts of weapons and explosives. She did not know they were planning to kill a soldier, said the prosecution. Manos's mother, Gracia, said yesterday that she and her children plan to attend court throughout the trial "to hear how my son was killed."

Kessar raps Sharon plan for industry near Hebron

HATZOR (Itim). - Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar yesterday attacked Industry Minister Ariel Sharon's intention to build two new industrial zones near Hebron, saying that development efforts should be directed at the Galilee and the Negev.

Speaking at the dedication of a new plant in this Upper Galilee town, Kessar asked: "Who lives in

Hebron? Only a few families, with the army watching over them."

Sharon announced his plans during a tour of the Hebron area on Monday.

Kessar noted that in the coming months, new industrial plants will be opened in Kiryat Shmona, Beit Shean, Tiberias, Safad and other development towns.

Boy said forced to have sex by woman, 27

KIRYAT SHMONA (Itim). - A 27-year-old woman from Safad has been arrested on suspicion of forcing a 14-year-old boy to have sexual relations with her.

According to a complaint by the boy's mother, the woman, who is employed by the Kiryat Shmona municipality, met her son by chance in the municipality and took him to her office, where the offence was allegedly committed.

Strikers take over plant

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). - A hundred striking workers from the Of Ar textile plant in Ofakim locked themselves into the Keshet textile plant here for five hours yesterday.

Ethiopians end sit-in

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - Fifty-three Ethiopian immigrants yesterday ended their two-week-old sit-in in front of the Absorption Ministry office here.

MPs: Un-British for Sadlers Wells to cancel

By JERRY LEWIS

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. - Two members of Parliament have added their voices to the campaign to persuade the members of the Sadlers Wells Royal Ballet company not to cancel their visit to Israel next month.

The dancers voted last week to cancel their six-performance tour for fear of a terror attack. But it was later announced that a revote would be held.

MPs Neil Thorne and Michael Latham said it would be "singularly un-British" for the Ballet company

to cancel the tour, especially at a time when many people in Britain are criticizing Americans for being afraid to visit Europe.

Thorne and Latham have tabled a motion calling on the dance company to reverse their decision, especially since the Israeli security services have "such an excellent record in combating terrorism."

A delegation including representatives of the ballet company is on leave for Israel today to look at security precautions which have been made for the tour.



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We extend sympathy to the family.



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To Herman

We share your grief on the passing of your dear wife

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Shlomo Aaron and Chasdal Aroch and families and all at Vayer

To

HERMAN MODEL

We share your deep sorrow on the death of your wife

HEDI MODEL

Rocha and Yossi Shamai and Family

הכבוד לראשון

Former head of Justice Department Office of Special Investigations:

10,000 Nazi war criminals living in U.S. today

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The U.S. is today one of the chief sanctuaries of Nazi war criminals. The suspects number not in the hundreds, but in the thousands and it will take at least 10 years to ferret them out.

This was stated here Monday by Allan Ryan, who headed the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) in the U.S. Justice Department for four years, after it was set up in 1979. He is in Israel as a guest of the Israeli Anti-Defamation League to lecture on the OSI at the Hebrew Union College.

After the war, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Romanian and Latvian collaborators of the Nazis entered the U.S. through the front door, Ryan said. In addition, he said, the 1949 law providing for the immigration of 400,000 displaced persons almost seemed to discriminate against Jews.

"All you needed to get into the U.S. was the ability to lie," Ryan said. "If you had been a concentration camp guard, you said you had been a farmer or a prisoner of war. The immigration service motto seemed to be: 'If in doubt, let them in.'"

"I take 10,000 to be a conservative estimate of Nazi war criminals living in the U.S. today," Ryan said.

He explained that, since the U.S. had no jurisdiction concerning



Allan Ryan

crimes committed in foreign countries 35 and more years ago, the only way to get at the war criminals was by denaturalizing and deporting them. A person could be deprived of his citizenship, if it was found that he had lied on his visa application.

Of 21 cases tried, the OSI won 20 but this was achieved only after appeals taking five to seven years. "What we see now, as in the case of Ivan Demjanjuk, are the early cases of 1979-1980. Demjanjuk's case went through seven appeal courts."

Although Ryan himself prosecuted the Demjanjuk case, he declined to comment on the likely outcome of his trial here, since the matter is sub

Explaining the extensive financial and moral support Ukrainian, Romanian, Latvian and Lithuanian war criminals receive from their ethnic groups in their fight against deportation, Ryan said that these groups are extremely close-knit and defensive. When one of their members is investigated by the OSI, they feel that "the U.S. is after us."

The leaders of the Ukrainian groups, for example, say in their English-language publications that they do not oppose prosecution, he said. But they say differently in their Ukrainian periodicals, Ryan said.

OSI has investigated well over 1,000 cases, Ryan said, with many of the people concerned being cleared, and not even aware they had been under scrutiny. He said that the

office bases itself on original German lists of concentration camp guards and other official lists, when deciding to launch investigations.

Ryan also recounted that in 1981 he made a formal request for access to the UN files on war criminals. The answer he got was that he could look at all background material, but not at the actual charge file of the person concerned. Ryan argued that he represented the U.S. government, but the UN archivists remained adamant and refuse to make the charge files available to this day.

Ryan is currently legal counsel to Harvard University. After leaving the OSI he wrote his book, *Quiet Neighbors: Prosecuting Nazi War Criminals in America*.

Eastonian camp head next in line for deportation

By ANDY COURT
For The Jerusalem Post

An Estonian war criminal who has been living in the U.S. for the past 35 years is now in jail and awaiting deportation to the Soviet Union, the head of the U.S. agency responsible for deporting war criminals told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Neal Sher, director of the Office of Special Investigations, said that unless Karl Linas, 69, appeals suc-

cessfully to the Supreme Court, he will be deported to the Soviet Union, where a 1961 war crimes court in Estonia sentenced him to death in absentia.

The Estonian court found that Linas ran a concentration camp in the city of Tartu, where 2,000 people were killed. In a 1981 trial which stripped Linas of his U.S. citizenship, witnesses said they saw him supervise the executions of Jewish women and children.

Ministers defer decision on project

Congressmen send MKs letters of support for Mormon centre

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

As the decision of the interministerial committee dealing with the Brigham Young University centre on Mt. Scopus draws closer, the Mormons have promoted a mass appeal to Knesset members by U.S. congressmen. Their opponents, however, are ensuring that even if the project goes through it will have no peace, and are even hinting that divine retribution has been visited on Salt Lake City.

The committee was to have made its decision yesterday, but the members deferred the vote to study the report of Deputy Attorney-General Yoram Bar-Sela concerning the project. Bar-Sela told the committee that there are no legal grounds for stopping the building, even if one questions the procedure by which the Mormons acquired the choice property on Mt. Scopus. He also reminded the committee that missionary activities are not illegal in Israel.

Yesterday all MKs received a letter signed by 154 members of the U.S. Congress, supporting the Mormon University's Jerusalem centre. "By allowing this centre to be built and used as intended, Israel will be reaffirming its commitment to pluralism and to the special nature of Jerusalem," the letter said, noting that "one of the main motivations for Israel has been its commitment to democracy and pluralism."

The letter expressed concern about reports of "certain groups in Israel who have undertaken a campaign to halt the construction and use of the Brigham Young University Centre for Near Eastern Studies."

It expressed an awareness of "the sensitivity which many Jews feel regarding proselytizing," noting that "BYU had given an undertaking that the centre would not be used for missionary activities."

The letter, addressed "Dear Colleagues," includes among the signatories the leaders of both parties in the House of Representatives, as well as 14 members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Among the latter are 10 members of the Middle East Subcommittee. These include at least two Jews, Mel Levine and Tom Lantos, both Democrats from California.

In addition to the congressional letter, Mayor Teddy Kollek has received a letter from an official involved in missionary work for the Church of the Latter Day Saints, hinting that the BYU centre is to be used for missionary work. The writer, Richard Millett, Director of Business Services of the Missionary Training Centres, describes himself

as "amused" by the charges being made against the centre.

Millett insists that his religion is committed to "honouring, obeying and sustaining the laws of the land(s) in which we reside or may be guests." The leadership of the L.D.S. Church is very sensitive to this issue and currently, the church's policy is not to proselytize or baptize an Israeli citizen.

As one of those responsible for the physical facilities of all missionary training centres, he says, "I am in a position to know that the L.D.S. Church has never planned and has no intention of ever using the centre for missionary purposes. I have never seen plans or blueprints for the facility and know nothing concerning its construction. If it were to be a missionary training centre I would be completely involved in the matter."

"Our missionaries who serve in foreign lands are taught to speak the language of the country where they serve. We do not train missionaries to speak Hebrew. This fact alone should make the church's intention clear."

On the other side of the struggle, opponents of the BYU centre have acquired a 30-room building adjacent to the building site, which they are planning to use as an exhibition centre to show "what the Mormons really think about Jews."

According to Dadi Reich, who heads Am Yisrael Hai, a group with connections to Gush Emunim, the building was bought by a Jewish businessman from the U.S. West Coast, "who has personal experience with Mormons." He would not reveal the buyer's identity.

Reich said that the building will house an exhibit of documents on the Mormons. Jewish groups will also be brought to the centre to learn about "the importance of Mt. Scopus to the Jewish people," he said.

In another development, at least some opponents of the BYU centre are hinting that a threat of natural disaster in Salt Lake City is related to events in Jerusalem. According to reports from Utah, the Great Salt Lake is rising and threatens to flood Salt Lake City. A pumping project costing some \$70 million is being undertaken to avert the disaster.

Whole streets are said to be already underwater and more flooding is expected as snow melts in the surrounding mountains. The flooding is said to have begun on the day of a massive demonstration in Jerusalem's Kikar Shabbat against the BYU centre.

"There may be no connection," one source told *The Jerusalem Post*. "But you never know."

'Catastrophe if racism bill doesn't pass today'

"If it doesn't pass today, it will be worse than scandalous - it will be a parliamentary catastrophe," said Mordechai Virshubski yesterday of the anti-racism bill.

The Shinui MK reiterated his party's stand that if the bill doesn't pass into law during the present session, Shinui will leave the government. "No doubt about it. It's a 'casus belli' for us, like if the 'Who is a Jew?' amendment was to be passed."

Non-passage of the bill, according to Virshubski, means that the two big parties are willing only to pay lip-service to the fight against racism.

The bill, as it stands, he says, has been knocking around the Knesset for about a year and a half and is not a comprehensive bill against racism. It is restricted to prohibiting incitement to racism.

Virshubski believes that the religious parties' opposition to the bill stems from "ignorance" as "the Jewish religion does not incite to racism." A comprehensive anti-racism bill, says Virshubski, would be something else. "It could raise problems."

Virshubski meanwhile stands at the centre of the controversy over a possible Shinui-Liberal Centre Party merger. One of the LCP leaders, Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat declared that he wants Shinui but without Virshubski, as Virshubski is a natural "opponent."

Virshubski says that the Shinui leaders were "burned enough by the Democratic Movement for Change experience" in 1977. "Then, we didn't check sufficiently the political positions of our partners. I have no problems with partnering the Liberal Centre people. But I first want to check their positions."

Virshubski said that it isn't enough to say "We want peace." "They must tell us what they are willing to give

IN PERSON

By BENNY MORRIS



Mordechai Virshubski (Israel Sun)

back in a territorial compromise, what they mean by economic liberalism and what they are willing to do to combat religious coercion.

"But there is no personal problem. The fact that Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dultzin has for years headed one of the worst, most inefficient organizations in the Jewish world is no bar to our working together. Nor is the fact that Lahat tried to get onto the Likud's Knesset list and only when he failed did he split from them to form the Liberal Centre."

Virshubski is one of the few dovish coalition MKs who is willing to frankly express his views vis-à-vis the PLO and the peace process.

He believes that Israel should negotiate with the PLO if it renounces terrorism and accepts UN Resolutions on 242 and 338. He is also willing to forgo all of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in exchange for peace.

He believes that a compromise "solution" can be found for Jerusalem. He thinks that Prime Minister Peres is sincere in his desire for peace, but says that there can be no hope of real progress if Peres remains wedded to the Allon Plan or agrees to the expansion of settlements in the West Bank. He frankly designates Israel's presence in the territories "a cancer" which is affecting all aspects of Israeli life.

Golan Druse sentenced for kidnapping attempt

LOD (Ips). - Five Druse from the Golan village of Majdal Shams were sentenced yesterday to 27 years in prison for attempting to kidnap a soldier and for holding contacts with Syrian agents.

The military court here gave four other Majdal Shams men sentences ranging from seven to 12 years for their part in the case.

The nine refused to stand when the president of the court read the sentence. Afterwards they stood and sang the Syrian national anthem.

Thatcher to visit Ben-Gurion's grave

BEERSHEBA. - During her visit to Israel next week, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will join the Board of Governors of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev on a trip to David Ben-Gurion's grave, it was announced yesterday.

"She will lay a wreath, and then visit the Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research," said Prof. Haim Elata, who is slated to be elected B-GU president next week by the board.

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tomorrow, Thursday, May 22, at 8 p.m., Room 308, Goldsmith Building, Mt. Scopus, The Hebrew University

Greetings: Arnon Matver, Director-General, Student Authority
Speakers: Moshe Negbi, News Editor, Israel Broadcasting
Yossi Goebl, Political Writer, The Jerusalem Post
Yair Stern, Director, News Department, IFTV
Dr. Daniel Levine, Director, Media Centres

In Holon

tomorrow, Thursday, May 22, 8 p.m. at the Holon Dormitories, 20 Rehov Ben Leham, Kiryat Shalom, Holon.

Speakers: Moshe Kohn, Editor, Hatzofe
Michael Karpit, Editor, of Mabat, Israel Television
Moderator: Dr. Ronald Krush, Media Centres

Symposia will be followed by discussions in Hebrew, English, French, and Spanish.



Education Minister Navon and Jerusalem Mayor Kollek take part in a music lesson yesterday with pupils in the capital's Experimental School. (Roni Na'aman)

Rejects request to sack thousands

Navon threatens to quit if school hours are cut

By JOEL REBIBO
For The Jerusalem Post

Education Minister Navon yesterday threatened to resign if the Finance Ministry imposes further cuts in school hours. He also rejected out of hand a Treasury request that he fire thousands of additional teachers.

"There will be no more teachers fired, no more hours cut," Navon promised the Knesset Education Committee. "Last year some 4,000 teachers were fired and 25,000 either had their hours reduced or were transferred. We won't do such a thing again."

The government had proposed trimming \$50 million from the Education Ministry by imposing a "one-time" emergency levy on parents of schoolchildren (yielding \$27m.) and by convincing teachers to give up hours they are paid for outside of the classroom (\$22m.).

This proposal, however has run into trouble.

There is strong opposition in the Knesset to the emergency levy, and the Histadrut Teachers Union last week rejected Prime Minister Peres's appeal that they give up hours. The Secondary Teachers Association agreed to a partial deferral of hours they have been promised since 1983.

Peres is to meet again this week with the unions to try to persuade them to accept a deferral, but if he fails, said Navon, the government will have to look elsewhere to find places to cut.

"I will draw personal conclusions before I allow any more cuts," he said.

Navon also said that he forsook no need to have double shifts in schools, because 550 new classrooms have been built via Mifal Hapayis.

Fatal fight between Armenians:

Family fued or clash over church politics?

By RONI RABIN
For The Jerusalem Post

Despite claims to the contrary, the street battle that left one man dead and six others injured in Jerusalem's Old City Armenian Quarter on Monday had nothing to do with church politics, Armenian Patriarchate officials insisted yesterday.

As family and friends mourned Kevork Panikian, who was stabbed to death in the fight, an Armenian church representative said, "It is very convenient to portray this as a church fight, but that is a thing of the past. We can't be responsible for everything that happens to Armenians."

However, the mourners had a different story. Oban Abrahamian, sitting in the dead man's Rehov Habad apartment, was one of those injured in the attack.

He and five other men who were released early yesterday from Hadasah Hospital, Mt. Scopus, said they were attacked because of their longstanding dispute with the patriarch.

"This is not the first time, but the authorities have not taken the attacks seriously," said one of the men. "There have been three years

of disputes and fights and still they are not willing to open their eyes."

Trouble began when Patriarch Yeshighe Derderian replaced Archbishop Shabe Ajanian in 1982. Since then there have been several incidents of violence within the Armenian community of 2,500.

Abrahamian said he was watching television with his family on Monday evening when he heard screaming and crying from the street below.

"I ran to the window and saw 60 to 70 people carrying clubs, iron bars and knives," he said.

When he went down into the street, he said, he was attacked. "I was struck on my head, my body, my hands, with iron bars and clubs," he said. "They were like lions looking for prey."

Several other members of his family and the related Najarian family were also attacked. Both families have long been ostracized by the Patriarchate, according to Abrahamian.

Panikian was stabbed to death when he stepped out of his front door to see what was going on, Abrahamian said.

The 46-year-old man left a wife and three daughters aged 7 to 13.

Chaos at Liberal Centre convention

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. - The new Liberal Centre Party failed to elect a party executive of its founding convention Monday night, and the session adjourned amid pandemonium reminiscent of the near-riots at last March's Herut convention.

LCP members were still reeling yesterday from the stormy convention. The LCP's proposed headliner Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat admitted that "this is not the party we all prayed and wished for."

Lahat suggested that "some groups who do not have the party's ideals at heart are trying to gain control. If they pull the rug from under us, we will just close up shop and open a new store."

Lahat, seen as the LCP's top vote-getter, threatened yesterday to quit if the disturbances continue.

Trouble at the convention erupted late at night after a monotonous day of debate. The steering committee's proposal for a party council of 375 persons in which only 27 are supporters of former Shlomzion MK Yitzhak Yitzhaki caused an uproar. Yitzhaki maintained that he had brought 800 members to the party and was entitled to at least 100 representatives on the council, with about 115 going to the group which left the Liberal wing of the Likud.

The storm was calmed temporarily when Yitzhaki was promised that the matter would be reviewed and that perhaps more of his people would be co-opted to the council.

But things were not quiet for long. Another proposal called for a 27-member party executive to which the former Liberals had appointed 16 of their own members, thus assuring themselves a clear majority.

Delegates rose and ran to the podium, shouting and waving their arms. The chairman, Rehovot Mayor Yehzekel Harmelech, called for a vote by a show of hands and announced that the proposal was passed by 199 to 175. That only fanned the flames. Delegates shouted: "shame on you," "the results are rigged," and "this is fraud."

Harmelech shouted that Yitzhaki is a political hitch-hiker. "We will not allow his sort to get control of the party."

It was later decided that the party council and not the convention would elect the executive.

During the uproar, Lahat engaged in a shouting match with Yitzhaki's supporters. He told one of them: "It's a good thing you are not married. Even your own wife would not vote for you. We'll see what you do if I don't run. I want to see the lot of you run on your own...I won't ask you what to do...who are you anyway? Get out of here."

Later, from the podium he threatened to quit.

Former Energy minister Yitzhak Berman was involved in the first outburst of the convention, when he was denied the right to air objections during a procedural wrangle. He later came to Yitzhaki's defence, saying that what happened at the convention "is sadly typical of the way things are in most of the old parties. The established forces fear new blood. It's the same here."

RECITAL. - The Romatic period music recital at the Church of the Redeemer in the Old City of Jerusalem, is to take place next tomorrow, as reported, but on Thursday, June 19.

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

The dedication of the Apartment for handicapped students

donated by the Members of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St. John's Wood, London

will take place in the presence of Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Gluckstein at the Lord Ashdown Hall of Residence, Tel Aviv University students quarters, Einstein Street, Ramat Aviv, on Thursday, May 22, at 4:30 p.m.

המקורות והמקורות

Ministry of Communications Tomorrow, Thursday, May 22,

post offices throughout the country will be closed in the afternoon because of a national staff conference.

Service will stop at 12:30 p.m. Postal agencies will work as usual.

OTZAR HITYASHVUTH HAYEHUDIM B.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting, being the Thirty First Ordinary General Meeting of the Company, will be held at the Registered Office, 26-28 Yehuda Halevy St., Tel Aviv, on Wednesday, June 4, 1986, at 10:20 a.m., for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1985, and the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors thereon;
2. To elect Directors;
3. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration;
4. To transact any other business of the Company required to be dealt with at such meeting.

Tel Aviv, May 21, 1986

Notes: A member entitled to attend and vote at the above-mentioned meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote in his place. Such proxy need not be a member of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
A. SULLAM, Adv.
Secretary

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF ORDINARY STOCK

Notice is hereby given that the 35th Annual General Meeting of the Bank will be held at its Registered Office, 24-32 Yehuda Halevy Street, Tel Aviv, on Wednesday, June 4, 1986, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes of:

1. Receiving and considering the Accounts and Reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ending December 31, 1985;
2. Electing Directors and approving the payment of their fees;
3. Electing Auditors and fixing their remuneration;
4. Transacting any other business of the Company required to be dealt with at such Meeting.

A member entitled to attend and vote at such Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his behalf. Such a proxy need not be a member of the Company.

Tel Aviv, May 21, 1986

By order of the Board,
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Secretary

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New man for Soviet reactor clean-up

MOSCOW (AP). — A Soviet newspaper said yesterday that radiation levels in parts of the ruined no. 4 reactor building at Chernobyl are still very high and that radioactive waste from the accident will be buried nearby.

The government newspaper *Izvestia* also said that Deputy Premier Ivan Silaev, who made statements about the cleanup at Chernobyl on national television on May 11 and May 17, had been replaced by another deputy premier on the disaster site in the Ukraine.

It said Silaev as been replaced on the government commission investigating the accident by Lev Voronin, chairman of the State Supply Committee, who became a deputy premier last November. No reason was given for the personnel switch.

Soviet radio said meanwhile that the Ukrainian Communist Party chief Vladimir Sheherbitsky had visited some of the 92,000 people evacuated because of the accident.

The report on local radio in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital south of Chernobyl, said Sheherbitsky was accompanied by other political leaders from Kiev and the Ukraine.

Izvestia said the ruined building

surrounding the destroyed no. 4 reactor at Chernobyl "still keeps people at a distance — in some parts, the level of radioactivity is still very high."

Radioactive waste from the ruins of the no. 4 reactor building will be buried in containers on the site of what was to be the no. 5 reactor at Chernobyl, it said. The reactor will still be built but in another place, it added.

Another Soviet newspaper acknowledged yesterday that worried Kiev residents streamed to railway stations after the Chernobyl accident, but blamed their fears on "enemy radio voices" who it said were spreading rumours about the disaster.

Diplomats at the Swedish, British, Canadian, Italian, Danish, Finnish and Japanese embassies said their ambassadors declined a Soviet invitation to visit Kiev and an area near the Ukrainian capital where evacuees from the Chernobyl area are living.

Other Western legations, including the U.S. embassy, were still considering the offer, but were expected to turn it down, diplomats said. Most of the diplomats said the offer was rejected because their gov-

ernments wanted to send experts, not ambassadors, to the area and wanted the experts to visit the plant itself, not just Kiev.

For the sixth day, there was no update on the Chernobyl casualty toll, which an American doctor who helped treat the worst radiation cases has said was 13 dead, with 24 in grave condition.

The last official report on casualties came last Wednesday in a speech by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who said nine people were dead and 299 hospitalized.

Many of the nationally circulating newspapers carried lengthy stories on Chernobyl yesterday, focusing on various aspects of the cleanup operation but offering no detailed update on efforts to cover the ruined no. 4 reactor with concrete.

The armed forces newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* said experts working on the salvage operation still cannot approach the reactor and are relying on detailed photographs taken several times a day by military pilots in airplanes or helicopters.

TALKS. — Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, on his first visit to Moscow, had five hours of talks in the Kremlin yesterday.

Chernobyl 'fall-out' may swing Dutch elections

By YOSSE LEMPKOWICZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

THE HAGUE. — The Dutch are going to the polls today with the outgoing centre-right government coalition of Christian-Democrats and Liberals hoping for an absolute majority of 76 seats in the second chamber or House of Representatives.

Should they clinch such a result the government led by the Christian-Democrat Ruud Lubbers will certainly continue for a second 4-year term.

The latest opinion polls show that the Christian-Democrats (CDA), are holding steady and will have 47 or 48 seats in parliament. But their junior partner, the Liberal Party (VVD), is expected to drop from 36 to 26 seats.

During the latest two years the party has been affected by scandals involving its ministers.

Another problem for the coalition

could be the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

The Dutch government has been promoting the development of nuclear energy. But now under pressure from public opinion, it has decided to freeze the building of two more nuclear power stations.

The opposition Socialist Party (PVDA) will probably benefit from the "Chernobyl Syndrome" and is expected to gain ten more seats in the House of Representatives (from 47 to 57). The Socialists back the renunciation of atomic energy.

Should the Christian-Democrat-Liberal coalition not gain a majority, a Christian-Democrat-Socialist coalition is possible, despite important differences between the parties on the most important issues.

They disagree on the installation of American Cruise missiles on Dutch soil and over social and economic policies. Despite a favourable economic situation the government has not succeeded in its battle

against unemployment.

Moreover, the government last week approved unpopular cuts in national insurance benefits, which, according to the Socialists, widened the gap between the rich and the poor.

The Socialists are proposing a cut in working hours in order to create new job opportunities.

There is also the possibility that the Christian-Democrats and the Liberals will form a majority, with the support of several small Christian Parties, but this would mean the hawks of the cabinet in issues such as abortion or morals legislation.

Finally, a coalition between the Christian-Democrats, the Liberals and the Left-Liberals is also possible.

In any case, after the publication of the result tonight, long and difficult negotiations will begin for the formation of a government.

Henriette Boas adds:

For the first time ever, Dutch

citizens living abroad will be able to vote. But relatively few of the normally conscientious voters plan to send in their ballots.

Approximately 600,000 Dutch nationals live outside the Netherlands. As of March 21, the deadline for voter registration, less than 10 per cent had signed up at Dutch embassies and consulates around the world.

In Israel, where 5,000 to 6,000 Dutch citizens reside, the registration turnout was about 10 per cent, according to the Dutch Embassy.

The absentee ballot policy was made possible by an amendment to the Dutch electoral law. It allows voters to cast their votes by letter, except from Switzerland where this method is forbidden — or give power of attorney to someone in the Netherlands.

Traditionally, voters apathy has not been a factor in Dutch politics, and national elections usually draw at least 75 per cent of the electorate.

'Pravda' scores Soviet TV for poor coverage of West

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet state television came under official criticism yesterday for its news coverage, including complaints that its reporting of the West is negative and dull.

A commentary in the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* said domestic reporting was superficial and contained too many apparently rehearsed interviews.

The article concentrated on "Vremya" (Time), the main evening news bulletin which television officials say has a daily audience of 100 million.

Commentator Dmitry Lyubosvetov praised the programme, shown on all channels, as having become more effective recently.

He gave the example of the Chernobyl nuclear accident, which has featured prominently on *Vremya* every day for two weeks, but he said that judging by readers' letters to *Pravda* viewers were dissatisfied.

"Information about the capitalist world is monotonous. Journalistic

clashes migrate from broadcast to broadcast," Lyubosvetov continued.

"They show mainly meetings, demonstrations and protests. They rarely tell about the achievements of science and technology, about what effect these have on the ordinary worker in the conditions of capitalism..."

Soviet television, like the rest of the state media, virtually never portrays the West in a positive light. Reports concentrate on unemployment, crime and political opposition.

Lyubosvetov said correspondents were usually seen against a background of "passing limousines, shining shop-windows and advertisements," reading out extracts of local press comment.

The commentary complained that some domestic reporting was not full or objective enough and gave a poor view of reality.

Tamil resistance forces Sri Lanka to halt action

COLOMBO (AP). — The Sri Lanka army temporarily suspended a major anti-guerrilla sweep yesterday as some beleaguered troops retreated because of heavy firing by Tamil separatists and the danger of high civilian casualties.

The Defence Ministry denied reports by the Indian government and Tamil militants that Jaffna's hospital was destroyed in a bombing raid on Monday and that dozens of civilians died and hundreds of others were wounded.

The ministry said at least six Tamil "terrorists" were confirmed killed in the bombing of northernmost Jaffna city, but said more were believed killed or injured.

That raised the official death toll

in the three-day operation to 28 — 25 "terrorists," two soldiers and one civilian. Reliable reports from Jaffna, however, indicated that the toll was closer to 50, mostly civilians or rebels.

Jaffna residents, contacted by telephone from Colombo, said two to three people died and 60 to 90 were injured when two light combat aircraft dropped bombs for one and a half hours, hitting the hospital, several shops and a coconut mill.

More than 40 people have been killed in three days of fighting between government troops and guerrillas trying to stop them from moving out of camps and advancing on Jaffna, residents said.

China, Portugal to start talks on Macao's future

PEKING. — China and Portugal will start talks next month on the future of the Portuguese enclave of Macao on southern China's coast, the foreign ministry said yesterday.

A ministry statement said that in the talks starting in the last week of June in Peking, Zhou Nan, vice minister of the Foreign Ministry, will head the Chinese negotiating team. Rui Barbosa Medina, the Portuguese ambassador to China, will head the Portuguese delegation.

In Hongkong, officials of both sides said China is to return a cargo jet and two of its crew members to Taiwan in the British colony before Saturday.

The details of the delivery of the

aircraft and crewmen, flown to the mainland by a defuncting pilot on May 3, were agreed at a fourth meeting between China and Taiwan airline officials which lasted around three hours.

The talks, which started on Saturday between officials of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) and Taiwan's China Airlines (CAL), were the first official contact between the two sides in 37 years.

Head of the Chinese delegation at the talks, Zhang Ruipu, said that a memorandum had been signed at yesterday's meeting and that negotiations on the defection's aftermath were finished. (AP, AFP)

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

'Human torch' Korean dies in anti-U.S. protest

SEOUL (Reuters). — A South Korean student died yesterday after setting himself alight in an anti-U.S. campus protest and jumping from a roof, the state radio said. He was named as Lee Dong-Su, a freshman at Seoul University's horticultural department.

Trouble erupted at the university when 1,000 police moved on to the campus where about 5,000 students were holding a memorial rally for victims of the civilian uprising in May 1980.

Garlic glut swamps South Korea

SEOUL (Reuters). — Even for garlic-crazy South Korea, this year's looming glut of the pungent bulb is too much of a good thing and Seoul says it wants to swap the surplus abroad — for bananas. Already wholesale prices have dropped by 25 per cent.

The ministry is trying to stabilise prices by controlling shipments and increasing storage facilities. If that fails it will try to unload garlic in exchange for bananas, which fetch over \$1 a piece in South Korea.

Austrian wine scandal trial starts

KREMS (AP). — Four men went on trial yesterday accused of producing 28.2 million litres of artificial wine and tainting another 5.8 million litres.

They also tainted some 10,000 litres of grape juice with diethylene glycol, a chemical used in some anti-freeze, that was also added to the wine to make it sweeter.

The scandal has dealt a crippling blow to Austria's wine export industry, although no cases of illness were ever traced directly to the wine doctored.

11 killed in Bangladesh 'law and order' riot

DACCA (Reuters). — Angry villagers Monday axed, stabbed and beat 11 people to death near the north Bangladesh town of Mymensingh in what they said was a crackdown on robbers and other hardened criminals.

The villagers told reporters they were compelled to take the law into their own hands because police were not doing enough to stop crimes. "In fact most crimes, including robberies, occur with police connivance," one villager alleged. Police denied the charge.

At least 17 people were killed on Sunday near the north eastern Brahmanbaria town in clashes that erupted after one group of villagers accused another of stealing cattle.



Punjab's Chief Minister Surjit Singh cleans Sikh devotees' shoes at the Annapur Sahib shrine. Found guilty on Sunday of religious misconduct (for ordering police to flush out extremists from the Golden Temple on April 30) he is atoning by cleaning shoes for one week. (Reuters telephoto)

IRA said behind murder of Catholic

BELFAST (AP). — Two masked gunmen dragged a Roman Catholic man from his home near the Irish border yesterday and shot him dead in what appeared to be a vengeance killing by the Irish Republican Army, police sources said.

Colin McKerr, 30, was bundled into a van and driven away, and his body dumped on a road in the village of Killeen, County Armagh, the sources said. No group claimed responsibility, but the sources said police were speculating that the shooting resulted from a feud among Catholic nationalists rather than from sectarian motives.

SPORTS

Israel's triumphant run

By DON GOULD

Israel's basketball squad yesterday completed a triumphant week by crushing Iceland 93-64 in the European Basketball Challenge Round in Liege. Motti Daniel contributed 21 points.

As Israel whipped Turkey 81-74 in an earlier game, they have achieved the impressive record of five victories and no defeats in their section of Group B, which they have won. They and the next three teams go

into the playoffs with the four best teams from the other section of Group B. The four top teams from these playoffs will qualify for the A Division next year. Teams take their win-loss records with them into the playoffs, so Israel are in a very strong position.

Their achievement is all the more notable as it was achieved after they were deprived of two key stars through the application of a new rule against the use of players born outside the country.

Botham dropped for drugs

LONDON (Reuters). — Cricket chiefs have dropped star player Ian Botham from English sides until they complete an investigation into his admission in a bylined article that he had smoked cannabis some years ago.

Botham, 30, whose sparkling exploits with bat and ball have made him every English schoolboy's sport.

ing hero, will miss two one-day matches against India, starting this Saturday. He cannot play for England again until his fate is decided by the English Test and Country Cricket Board, which has promised an urgent probe. Botham is the only player in history to have scored 4,000 runs and taken 300 wickets in Tests. His place in the English team has been taken by Bill Athey.

Norwegian seed surprised

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Unseeded South African Nelia Kruger defeated No. 3 seed Amy Jonsson of Norway 6-3 yesterday in the sole first-round upset in the Haifa leg of the Vanessa Phillips Women's Tennis Association satellite circuit. The Norwegian champion was the only seeded player not to make it to the second round, with the remainder in fact so much in command that none of them conceded more than four games in their matches at the Haifa Tennis Centre.

Top-seeded Israeli Ilana Berger beat Yael Vitale 6-1, 6-2, while No. 2 Linda Barnard from South Africa

defeated qualifier Sharon Fleischer 6-1, 6-0. There were also easy victories for No. 3 seed Faulette Roux and her compatriot South African Lizanne Selley, No. 7, as well as seeded home players Dalia Coriat, Hagit Ohayon and Sagit Doron. Away from the seedings, Austrian Heidi Sprung defeated Sophie Rafael 6-2, 6-0, and Swedish-domestic Czech Michaela Pazdierova beat Orit Kendel 6-1, 6-1.

The tournament — which continues to day at 2 p.m. — is the third meet on the \$20,000 circuit, and will be followed next week by the Masters event for the 16 competitors with the best overall results in the series.

Karl-Heinz is in good shape

West Germany's star striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge said yesterday he was in good condition after damaging tendons in his knee five weeks ago, and was hoping to play well in the World Cup.

"I've had my problems but I'm in much better shape now," he told reporters when the West German squad arrived in Mexico.

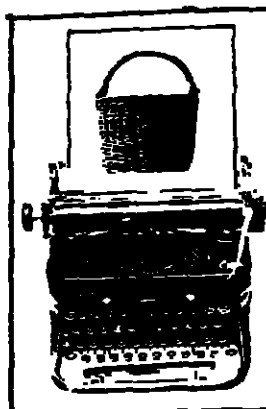
In Brussels, World Cup finalists Belgium were given a jolt less than 48 hours before their departure for the Mexico finals when they suffered a 3-1 trouncing by Yugoslavia.

In Vancouver, Wales beat Canada's World Cup team 3-0 in an exhibition soccer match.

Rookie of the year

NEW YORK (AP). — Patrick Ewing of the New York Knicks, despite missing 32 games with a variety of injuries, was named NBA "Rookie of the Year" with more than double the votes of second-place finisher Xavier McDaniel of Seattle.

Ewing, who averaged 20.0 points and 9.0 rebounds in 50 games, received 36 votes from a nation-wide panel of media members.



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'SOVIETS WANT TO ELIMINATE JUDAISM'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent Jerry Lewis reports on the findings of a House of Commons committee.

THE SOVIET authorities have determined to eliminate Judaism as a faith and its accompanying culture, according to the British House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, who reported on relations with the USSR late last week.

In a chapter specially set aside to examine the Soviet Jewry problem, the committee concluded that their "overwhelming impression" was that the Soviets were attempting to remove Judaism. In the committee's view, the maintenance of a small number of synagogues was now "merely a gesture towards international opinion."

The committee, headed by Conservative MP Sir Anthony Kershaw, spent more than a year gathering evidence for the report, as well as visiting Moscow to hold meetings with senior Soviet officials. During a trip last year, committee members visited the Moscow synagogue. Despite the lack of a meeting with the Soviet Jewish community, some MPs made contact with Soviet Jews during their stay.

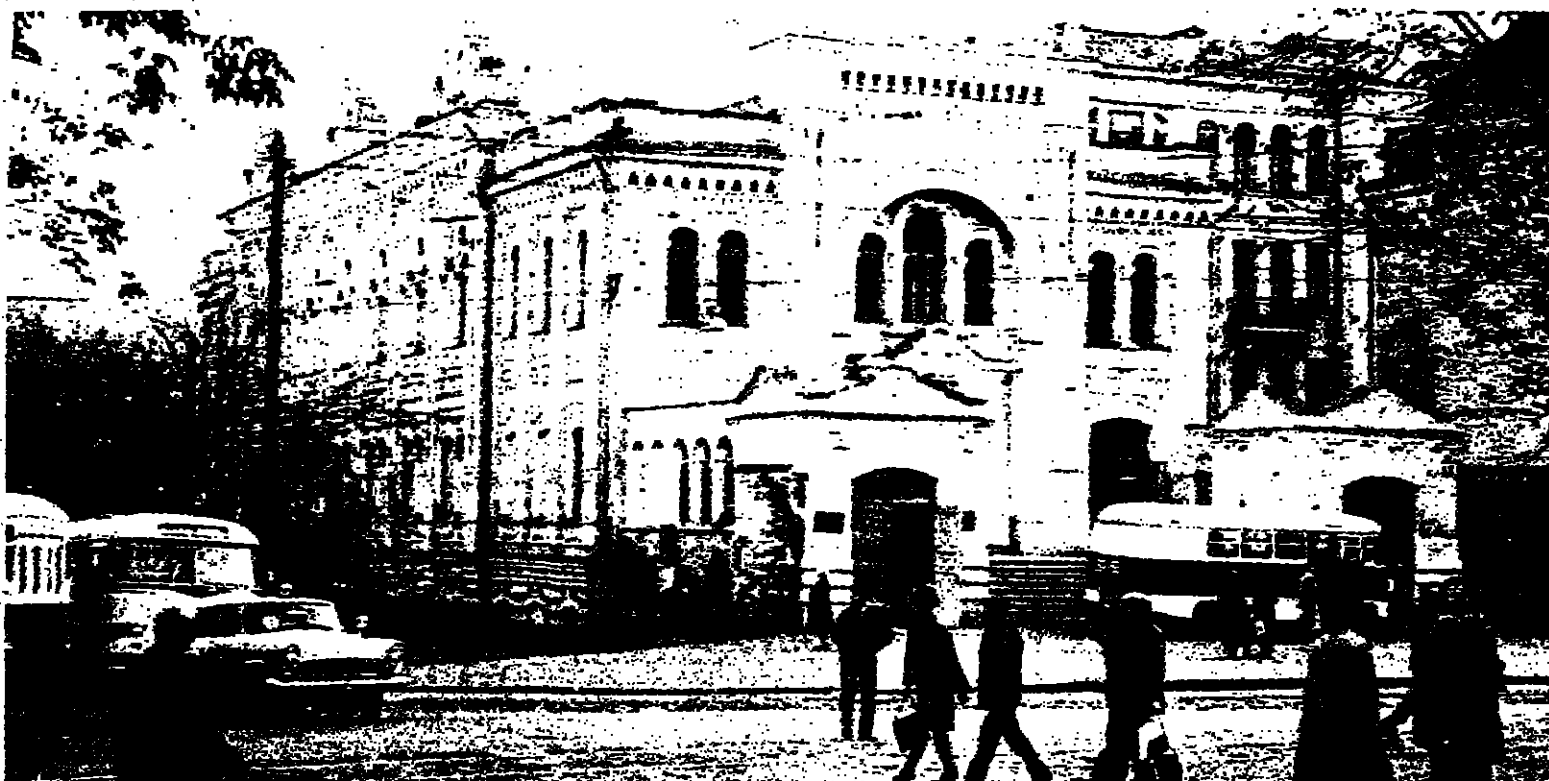
In the committee's assessment, the Soviet Communist Party is committed not only to oversee the demise of religion, but also to encourage that process. The "chosen instrument" for the enforcement of anti-religious laws is the "applied" Council for Religious Affairs.

The committee noted that the position of Jews in the Soviet Union is even more difficult than that of other religious groups, mainly because Jews are regarded as a separate ethnic and national group. The Jews, the committee added, are vulnerable as they are adherents of a religion to which the Soviet Union is ideologically opposed, members of an ethnic group which has traditionally been subject to racial discrimination, and are treated as individuals whose political loyalty to the Soviet regime is suspect.

Anti-Semitism is a long-standing tradition in the Soviet Union and the rise of Zionism had led to a revival of "overt anti-Semitism" and to attempts by the Soviet authorities to "neutralize the internal impact of Zionism by domestic palliatives."

The committee noted evidence that shows discrimination in employment especially against religious Jews. It expressed the belief that the proportion of Jews in white-collar occupations is likely to have begun to decline "largely as a result of discrimination in access to higher education." It was told that between 1971 and 1981 the number of Jewish students in the USSR had decreased by half while the number of students generally admitted to higher education had increased by 15 per cent.

They added that probably the most important official manifesta-



Brodsky synagogues in Kiev, converted by the Soviets to a puppet theatre

(Joseph Schneider)

tion of discrimination against Jews are the restriction on and persecution of the teaching of Hebrew. The

publication of books and periodicals in Hebrew has apparently ceased, because - the chairman of the Coun-

cil of Religious Affairs told the MPs - of a "lack of demand." The committee noted that Juda-

ism and the pursuit of Jewish culture are now severely curtailed in the Soviet Union. Evidence indicated

that only 57 synagogues remain open, of which just one serves Moscow's estimated 250,000 Jews. There are said to be 20 synagogues in Georgia, which is understood to have about 28,000 Jews.

The committee cited the absence of facilities for rabbinical training, and noted that apart from the production of a calendar, no Jewish religious literature is now being published. The last edition of a prayerbook was printed in 1956, and even that in only 3,000 copies.

Turning to the problem of emigration, the committee noted that since 1968 some 650,000 Soviet Jews had been invited to leave the USSR and about 260,000 had emigrated, mostly to Israel. A further 380,000 Jews remained who had been formally invited but had so far "been unable to leave." They, the committee said, represented "10 per cent of the total estimated Jewish population of the Soviet Union whether registered or not."

Although the Helsinki Final Act envisages occasions when applications might be refused on grounds of state security, the Soviet authorities appeared prepared to use this justification even in the case of those whose last access to sensitive information was several years ago and whose last military service was during World War II.

Lobster-eaters and other rabbis

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

SOMEONE from the Greater Hartford (Connecticut) Jewish Federation (I recently spent two weeks there as a scholar in residence) gave me the following guide to American rabbis and synagogues, which had appeared in the *Young Israel Viewpoint* of February 1983:

I - *Ultra-Orthodox*: Yarmulkas worn; all male members expected to know Hebrew and Yiddish; separate seating with balcony or six-foot *meitzitza* (partition separating the men's and women's sections); all members observe Shabbat and Kashrut; State of Israel frowned upon.

II - *Traditional Orthodox*: Yarmulkas; congregants wear modern clothing; recognize State of Israel; *meitzitza*; no mixed dancing permitted; talking during services mandatory (except for the rabbi).

III - *Modern Orthodox*: Yarmulkas; men and women sit apart but women are respected; only older men know Hebrew; congregants observe Kashrut at home; rabbi shaves; mixed dancing when rabbi is not looking.

IV - *Traditional Conservative*: No *meitzitza*; yarmulkas; use a different prayerbook; "Kashrut" observed in synagogue only; congregants must either give money, attend services, or go to Israel at least once on the rabbi's tour.

V - *Centrist Conservative*: Rabbi and cantor expected to know Hebrew; rabbi drives to services.

VI - *Liberal Conservative*: yarmulkas worn if desired; cash donations accepted on the Sabbath; Kashrut discussed in adult education classes; choir may include non-Jews.

VII - *Traditional Reform*: Same as above; rabbi must be Jewish; choir may include blacks; janitor must wear yarmulka.

VIII - *Reconstructionist*: Yarmulkas worn at services; rabbi is secularist; details of ritual practice optional and dependent on rabbi's mood and current events.

IX - *Modern Reform*: Rabbi must have Ph.D. in some branch of humanities and play tennis; no yarmulkas; Sabbath candles lit in temple; rabbi willing to share pulpit with liberal Protestant minister, will perform intermarriage if couple signs paper promising to raise children Jewish.

X - *Liberal Reform*: Very similar to Unitarian church; rabbi need not be Jewish, but must like Jewish food.

I discovered that the list was incomplete: there are many more variations of Conservative and Reform than indicated in the list. Furthermore, on the El Al flight to New York, I met a young ultra-Orthodox rabbi (a follower of Bnei Brak's Rabbi Eliezer Shach) returning to Lakewood, New Jersey, a veteran centre of American ultra-Orthodoxy, from his first visit to Israel. He was raving about the country. "Before coming," he said, "I thought Israel was Mea She'arim; but it is a modern state. I could live there. It is fantastic." He, his wife and nine children - 11 more votes for the Aguda.

So much for "State of Israel frowned upon."

He was the closest to a real Zionist I came across during my trip. It was curious that this American rabbi

should have chosen to carry on a long conversation with me on Israeli politics (of which he knew close to nothing), the "Who's a Jew" issue and the unity of the Jewish people, after I had introduced myself as an *apikoros* (heretic).

I now have an open invitation to visit Lakewood despite the fact that I made it quite clear to the rabbi that even though, like Professor Shlomo Avineri, "the synagogue I do not go to is an Orthodox synagogue," I am not in search of God or enslavement to religious faith.

I SPENT MY LAST evening in Hartford lecturing in a Reform Temple. Before the lecture, I had dinner with the congregation's rabbi, whom I had to talk out of eating at my hotel because the main item on the menu was lobster. "I don't mind," said the rabbi.

"I mind," I answered, "I won't eat lobster with a rabbi."

The rabbi told me that he occasionally officiates at mixed marriages, but that unlike some of his colleagues he does this without a priest. "I change the words of the ceremony," he explained, because it isn't really a Jewish wedding. If I won't do it a priest or judge will," he added. In three out of 10 such marriages a conversion takes place later on, so instead of losing 10 Jews I lose seven and gain three.

He has several families of Russian immigrants in his congregation. They had had no Jewish background, were brought to the Temple by Jewish neighbours, and have become active members.

After a long discussion on human relations, the rabbi came out with the astounding statement: "Susan, you'd make a great rabbi." My explanation that I do not believe in Providence and that my belief in a universal force is not a religious one did not seem to make any difference.

The general feeling I got from my visits to several Reform temples and talks with half a dozen Reform rabbis was that for most of the congregants, attendance at services has nothing whatever to do with religion, and even less with theology, and that the rabbis are spiritual leaders, community organizers and social workers who do a fantastic job of offering people some focus of identification as Jews (I hesitate to say Jewish identification.) But if religion is defined (in the *Oxford Dictionary*) as "system of faith and worship" or "human recognition of a personal God entitled to obedience" - this is not religion. It is a substitute. A legitimate substitute, I would add.

MOST OF THE synagogues I visited were Conservative. In one of them, I was asked to accept a call for the Torah reading. I thanked them but declined - not because I object in principle to a woman's reading from the Torah in synagogue, but because I feel that the *aluya latorah*, which is a religious act, should not be performed by a non-believer. I even felt funny about standing before a congregation and delivering a talk on a non-religious topic during services.

The rabbi argued with me that if I understood the essence of Judaism I wouldn't feel funny.

Still, I felt more comfortable in a Modern Orthodox synagogue, where the lecture took place in a separate hall, unrelated to the religious service. Before the latter lecture, the rabbi and I talked in his office about "Love thy fellow as thyself" and other Jewish values on which I had been raised, but which some Orthodox fanatics seem to have lost somewhere along the road.

My strangest experience was lecturing on the dangers to democracy in Israel and on the "Who's a Jew" issue to a mixed group of about a dozen Modern Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis. Only in the U.S. can one get rabbis of all three streams to meet on a regular basis (is that because the Orthodox are a minority?). The fact that they met to listen to a talk by a secular woman was all the more amazing.

Perhaps this is what pluralism is all about. In Israel we haven't got it.

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Round one is over. At midnight the 30-day period granted by the Bejski Commission for the bankers to resign has come to an end. The results in that time were:

■ **Gazit** (Hapoalim), full compliance.
 ■ **Japhet** (Leumi), compliance on the most important point, the posts of chairman and chief executive officer of the bank. As regards the chairmanship of Union Bank at home, and of Leumi's subsidiaries in New York, Britain, France, Switzerland and elsewhere in the empire, the outcome is not yet clear.

■ **Reiner** (Ampal/Hapoalim), 50% compliance, in that he has said he will step down but he has not done so yet.
 ■ **Meir** (Mizrahi), 50% compliance. He resigned as general manager but not as a director or as chairman of Mizrahi Overseas, the holding company for the foreign operations of the bank.

■ **Recanat** (Discount), zero compliance.
 Thus, the spotlight has turned on Rafi Recanat, chairman, general manager and owner of Bank Discount — and of much else besides. For three weeks, Recanat hid behind Japhet's skirts. But the latter's resignation has left him with no cover.

What is the next step, from the formal point of view, now that the deadline has expired?
 The Bejski Commission laid down the procedure to follow in plain language: "We recommend that [any one of the managers given 30 days] who does not resign... be removed from his post by the body authorized to do so within 30 further days." The "authorized body" is the bank's board of directors, and they will therefore be the new focus in the coming month. Who are the directors of Bank Discount?

Examiner of Banks Galla Maar published new regulations last fall regarding the composition and duties of bank boards. In the wake of these, Discount — along with other banks — revamped its board, bringing in outside directors to replace some of the salaried bank officials that had been appointed by the Recanat family. The idea of having outside directors is to give the board more independence and make it less bound to the managers and owners. The five new board members Discount brought in in January are, indeed, less dependent than their brothers they replaced. But whether they are the people to throw Recanat out of his own bank is dubious.

Uri Netanel is an industrialist and Joshua Rotenshteyn an independent lawyer and head of the Press Council. Doubtless they are connected with the Recanats in some way, but they are their own masters. The same is true of Dan Tolkowsky, who retired from Discount Investment Corporation last year and runs his own business now. But after a 30-year alliance with the Recanats, he cannot be expected to serve as hatchet man; in any event, he is in the Far East on business and will not return until mid-June.

The last two members are respected academics — Prof. Yair Opler, the vice rector of Tel Aviv University, and Prof. Avraham Friedman of the Hebrew University. However, they both had institutions among whose main donors and supporters are the Recanats family. They, too, must have qualms about joining the board.

In short, the chances of the board taking action are negligible.
 The commission anticipated that, too. They wrote that stage three should be the use by the government, or the Bank of Israel (they demanded the resignation of the current one) of his power to depose a bank manager or director temporarily and appoint a replacement as an interim measure. But first, we need a central bank governor.

Histadrut unveils opening position in wage talks

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut intends to demand a minimum wage of no less than 50 per cent of the national average, graduated wage supplements and improved pension conditions when the negotiations for new national wage agreements begin towards the end of this week.

The Histadrut's opening negotiating positions were agreed on during a meeting of trade union leaders at the labour federation's headquarters here yesterday. The union leaders also decided that the Histadrut would demand that the new agreements be signed for one year only, as opposed to the two-year life span of previous agreements.

The Histadrut intends to resist pressure to sign one national agree-

ment for both the public and the private sectors. Workers in each sector face different problems that demand separate solutions, said Trade Union Department Chairman Haim Haberfeld.

The negotiations are expected to be tough, with the employers demanding that wages remain at their 1985 levels. The Histadrut intends to demand wage supplements over the course of the next year to compensate for past wage erosion.

The talks could be complicated by the payment of a cost-of-living increment in July, if inflation exceeds 1.3 per cent this month. The employers in the private sector are likely to balk at paying an increment that could exceed 6 per cent.

Nehamkin says 10% drop in water use is 'essential'

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

Post Knesset Reporter
Agriculture Minister Aryeh Nehamkin called on Israel, and to the local authorities in particular, to recognize the gravity of the drop in the nation's water reserves.

Surveying his ministry's activities, in the context of the budget debate, Nehamkin said a 10 per cent drop in urban water consumption was "essential, feasible, and of utmost significance." He said he had recommended that the government issue emergency regulations to reduce water pumping and supply. He added, however, that it was impossible for the government to reduce urban or industrial water consumption significantly.

As a result, the minister said, he had been forced to take the painful step of cutting the water quotas for farmers, who would thus have to

curtail production and suffer a further loss in income.

This setback comes after a year in which the glut of many agricultural products in world markets had brought many Israeli farmers to the breaking point, Nehamkin said.

He said that even though Israeli farmers were efficient, having increased their annual productivity even in the most difficult years, they must now compete with heavily subsidized French, German, and American agriculture.

Although he strongly supported new settlements, Nehamkin said, the present difficult economic conditions required him to give priority to maintaining the settlements of the Golan, the Jordan Rift Valley, and the Arava. He said he also had to give priority to aiding farmers in hundreds of second-generation settlements.

U.S. economy grew at 3.7% rate in 1st quarter

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. economy grew at a surprisingly strong annual rate of 3.7 per cent in the first three months of the year, a five-fold increase over the previous quarter, the government reported yesterday.

The Commerce Department said the gross national product, the broadest measure of economic health, turned in its best performance since a 3.7 per cent increase in the first quarter of 1985.

President Reagan's administration predicts a 4 per cent growth rate for all of 1986.
 The news on inflation was also good. A price index tied to the GNP rose at an annual rate of 2.5 per cent from January through March, its best performance in almost two decades.

The 3.7 per cent GNP growth represented an upward revision from an initial estimate of 3.2 per cent for the first quarter made last month. The revision caught analysts by surprise. Many had predicted that the GNP rate would be revised downwards to 2.5 per cent or lower.

Still, the stronger-than-expected growth was not likely to impress many analysts, who believe the economy will not show a sustainable rebound in activity until the second half of the year. Analysts noted that the biggest factor pushing the GNP upwards was a revision in the pace at which businesses were adding to their inventories.

The change added \$7 billion to GNP growth. But many economists expect this will subtract from growth in the current April-June quarter, as businesses are forced to work down unwanted inventories, especially a record high level of unsold cars.

Many analysts believe the economy will limp along in the current quarter at a growth rate of around 2 per cent, very similar to the 2.2 per cent growth turned in for all of 1985.

Cities exceeded their water quota in April by 22%

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's urban population exceeded its April water quota by 21.6 per cent, prompting Mekorot General Manager Yehzekel Zakai yesterday to seek permission to turn off the flow of water to cities that exceeded their monthly water quota.

The request was made to Agriculture Minister Aryeh Nehamkin.

The farmers, who receive their water quotas on a yearly basis, have already been warned that if they do not use their water sparingly, Mekorot will be forced to shut off their supply too, when they use up their quota. "This is the rule, even if it is in the middle of the summer, and their orchards or plants wilt," a Mekorot official told *The Jerusalem Post*.

A spot check conducted by *The Post* found that farmers were aware how serious the situation is, and were cutting back on their summer planting.

On the average about 25 per cent less cotton was planted this spring, because of both the water shortage and the record low prices for cotton in world markets.



Prime Minister Peres talks to workers at the Habonim Cast Products plant of Kibbutz Kfar Hanasi yesterday. The factory is located at the nearby development town of Hatzor Haglilit.

ILA to give away land for housing

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Lands Authority yesterday approved a proposal to give ILA properties away free of charge in 13 development towns for the use of private homes.

The proposal also substantially reduces the fee charged to investors by buying land in these towns for commercial or industrial purposes.

Until now residents were required to pay 80 per cent of the land's value, while investors that wanted to use the property to build industrial plants or commercial buildings were

required to pay 91 per cent of the land's value. Under the proposal approved by the ILA, they will now only have to pay 20 per cent.

The towns included in the proposal are Dimona, Yeruham, Beit Shean, Mitzpe Rimon, Hatzor Haglilit, Shechunat Ein Sarah, Bnei Yehuda, Hispin, Metullah, Ma'alot, Kiryat Shmona, Katzin and Shelo, as well as the Druse village of Horshim.

The proposal, originated in a ministerial committee set up by Prime Minister Peres to find ways of increasing the population of development towns.

Bromide Compounds wins Export Prize

Post Economic Staff

Bromine Compounds, a unit of the Dead Sea Works, won this year's Export Prize for its \$78 million in overseas sales to countries around the world. Kolso, a concern that specializes in micro-electronic products, was given an honorable mention.

In a ceremony at Beit Hanassi yesterday, prizes were also distributed to nine other concerns by President Herzog. Also present at the ceremony were Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon and Manufacturers Association President Dov Lautman.

In presenting the awards, Herzog stressed the importance of overseas sales to the economy.

"We cannot accept a freeze or cutback in exports," he said. "We must do everything to encourage both exports and exporters. We must concentrate on increasing productivity, strengthening the work ethic, efficiency and creativity, making them a flag and symbol."

The 11 companies were chosen by a committee, with the criteria being such factors as a minimum of \$2m. in export sales, a doubling of exports over the previous five years and a clear effort to develop new markets.

The other nine winners were Delta Socks, Talmor Jewelry, Rotem Fertilizer, Rim Industries, Chemada, Volta Carmiel, Ormat Turbines, Elta Electronic Industries and A. Schwartz and Sons.

Prices of 11 goods cut

The price of 11 products used as industrial inputs will be cut today between 5 and 9 per cent, the Ministry of Industry and Trade said.

Among the products are lime, nitric acid and ammonia, all of which are dropping by 5 per cent, and solvent materials, which are going down by 8 per cent.

A ministry spokesman said the reductions were a result of the cut in the price of fuel.

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**DID YOU KNOW THAT...**  
 ★ Women over 75 years old living by themselves comprise 27 per cent of Israeli households in that age group, while in the U.S. and Canada they make up 50 per cent. (NII)  
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Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:

General Share Index	117.22	+0.21%
Non-Bank Index	139.21	-0.16%
Arrangement	107.56	+0.42%
Insurance	166.44	-0.42%
Commerce, Services	183.28	-0.02%
Real Estate	170.44	-0.59%
Industrials	129.16	-0.23%
Textiles	161.22	+0.21%
Metals	125.57	-0.22%
Electronics	110.15	-0.82%
Chemicals	126.82	-0.51%
Industrial Invest.	118.98	+1.17%
General Bond Index	132.24	-0.02%
Investment Cos.	107.60	+0.37%
Index-Linked Bonds	106.80	+0.40%
Fully-linked	110.78	+0.43%
Partially-linked	107.10	+0.37%
Dollar-linked Bonds	99.94	-0.26%
Short-term 0-2 yrs	106.13	+0.38%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	107.15	+0.30%
Long-term 5+ yrs	106.86	+0.51%

Turnovers:

Shares - total	NIS 8,496,300
Arrangement	NIS 2,808,000
Non-bank	NIS 6,687,300
Bonds - total	NIS 4,482,700
Index-linked	NIS 2,836,700
Dollar-linked	NIS 1,618,000
Treasury Bills	NIS 5,738,300

Share Movements:

Advances	154 (123)
Declines	17 (23)
of which 5%+ "buyers only"	9 (19)
Declines	118 (135)
of which 5%+ "sellers only"	20 (37)
Unchanged	113 (122)
Trading Halt	43 (48)

Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked	3% fully-linked	Rises to 1%
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4.25% fully-linked

Rises to 1%	Rises to 1%
Rises to 1%	Mixed by 0.5 to 1%
Slight rises	Rises to 0.5%
Slight rises	Rises to 1%
Slight rises	1.17% to 1.48%

Arrangement yields:

IDB 0.1	11.81%
Union 0.1	11.71%
Discount A	11.64%
Mizrahi	11.76%
Hapoalim r.	11.88%
General A	11.82%
Leumi stock	11.72%
Fin. Trade 1	11.47%

SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	Volume	%
Leumi	1185	1480	-0.9
Martime 1	28000	50	-1.6
First Int'l	3525	1625	-
FBI	3910	4988	+0.5

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	Volume	%
Leumi	51800	446	+0.1
Union 0.1	61000	113	-
Discount	104800	192	+1.0
Mizrahi	33710	1090	-
Hapoalim r.	56740	1185	+0.5
General A	142000	17	-0.2
Leumi 0.1	36380	1973	+0.5
Fin. Trade	47200	-	-

Mortgage Banks

Name	Price	Volume	%
Leumi mort.	5370	244	-0.7
Mort. Mort.	1490	1883	-1.0
Mizrahi	2270	484	-0.3
Tel Aviv	14000	248	-
Mort. r.	4471	427	+1.6

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	Volume	%
Agri. C	54900	18	-10.0
Ind. Dev. DD	84063	-	-
Clal Leasing 0.1	5700	259	+1.6

Insurance

Name	Price	Volume	%
Ararat 0.1 r	1000	800	+5.8
Haasneh r	545	21795	+1.9
Phoenix 0.1	1570	1214	-2.5
Hamishmar	7850	51	-0.7
Mezraha	7850	51	-0.1
Sahar r	4230	175	-6.0
Zion Hold. 1	16000	42	-3.6

Trade & Services

Name	Price	Volume	%
Melzer	4600	67	-1.1
Superior 2	5090	2149	+1.4
Delek r	5400	2396	-
Lighterage	11723	50.1	+5.0
Cold Storage	2800	988	-2.0
Dan Hotels	3820	125	-0.2
Yarden Hotel	3030	230	-6.0
Hilon 1	12000	86	+0.4
Team 1	1884	743	-0.3

Real Estate, Building and Agriculture

Name	Price	Volume	%
Azornim	627	5630	-1.8
Eilon	379	7085	+0.3
Africa Int. 0.1	no trading	-	-
Dankner	4800	314	+1.1
Prop. & Bldg.	2850	2004	-1.7
Baydela 0.1	4228	368	-8.2
ILDC r	50100	171	+0.4
Reado r	7623	50.1	-5.0
Mahadim	5980	336	+0.5
Hadarim	1110	2300	-0.7

Industrials

Name	Price	Volume	%
Dubek b	3670	1503	+3.4
Pr-Ze 1	2290	325	-
Sumitomo	7650	287	-
Elite	16350	128	-1.9
Adgar	869	1468	-0.1
Argamim r	13500	249	-0.1
Delta G 1	3445	17	+0.4
Maquet 1	26905	38	-
Eagle 1	11451	28	-
Polgar 0.4	9000	468	+1.1
Schoeller	18400	194	+1.3
Rogalov	3789	972	-3.0
Urdan 0.1 r	12110	538	-0.9
Is. Can Co. 1	1080	2447	+3.2
Zion Cables	2400	829	-2.0
Pecker Steel	7410	270	-
Elbit 3 r	445000	45	-1.4

Elron

Name	Price	Volume	%
Elron	399000	285	-1.0
Art	32851	218	-2.1
Clal Electronics	2700	2878	-
Spectronix 1	2181	1423	-
T.A.T. 1	4190	487	+4.5
Ackerstein 1	1510	902	-6.2
Agan 5	18789	142	-1.1
Alliance	1448	256	-
Dexter	3750	225	+9.3
Fertilizers	5633	59	-
Hafia Chem.	843	2052	-0.6
Teva r	55000	48	-
Dead Sea r	15100	809	-0.9
Patrochem	529	2232	-
Nesim Chem.	3500	78	-
Patrochem	12200	198	-
Hadera Paper	184500	123	+3.5
Central Trade	6120	108	+1.7
Koor p	5626400	0	-0.4
Clal Inds.	1387	18088	+1.2

Investment Companies

Name	Price	Volume	%
IDB Dev. r	3810	4380	-
Elron	2665	1186	-
Akif 1	1884	809	-
Geshelet	1884	809	-
Israel Corp. 1	8950	280	-
Wolfson 1 r	113000	1	-1.7
Hapoalim Inv.	4730	1221	-
Leumi Invest.	4895	1015	+0.0
Discount Invest.	2411	4068	-
Mizrahi Invest.	15200	80	-5.0
Clal 10	2370	2467	-
Landeco 0.1	10000	75	-
Pama 0.1	8210	79	-5.6

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	Volume	%
Ex Oil Expl.	12550	82	-3.8
J.O.E.L.	1480	543	-

Abbreviations:

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a.o. sellers only	b. buyers only
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The real Liberals

UNDAUNTED by public opinion polls which grant them at the most two seats in the next Knesset if elections were held now, Liberals anathematized by their party's slow but inexorable digestion by Herut, have now set up their own separate political organization. It is to be known as the Liberal Centre Party.

The centre is where roughly between one quarter and one third of all Israelis place themselves politically. Over the years efforts have been made to get this huge potential constituency to vote, at least a large number of them, for a genuine centre party that would strike a balance between the left, now the Alignment, and the right, now the Likud. The only nearly successful such attempt, by the DMC, which won no less than 16 seats in parliament, ended in abject failure, indeed in dismantlement and dissolution, soon after its achievement in 1977.

The founders of the new Liberal Centre, with Tel Aviv's mayor, Shlomo Lahat, at their head, would be foolish to expect to attract to their bosom the DMC's erstwhile voters. They should be even more careful not to allow Johnny-come-lately careerists from hopping on their bandwagon, taking it over and turning it to their advantage. Which is what very nearly happened at their founding convention this week.

The new party has something special to offer: a programme which, while focusing on the rights of private enterprise, combines opposition to religious coercion with readiness to trade territory for peace with Israel's neighbours. It is perhaps not so much a liberal as a conservative programme, but it shows the official Liberals for the reactionaries they are.

A liaison with Shinui, the DMC's one living remnant, might be an option for the new Liberals, the latter day transmogrification of the long-lost General Zionists "A". But, apart from a certain incompatibility between the leaders of the two parties, they might easily, if joined together, split into a right and a left.

The best advice to the Liberal Centre Party, then, is to try to draw such support as it can from within the more moderate ranks of the Likud. That would be its best gift to the country.

Not a teacup

THE KNESSET Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday set up a "discussion group" to study the much advertised but still almost unread - because classified - Wald Report on the IDF's present war-making capability. This is to be done in the context of a review of the country's long-range defence policy.

What is surely no less important, however, is that the general staff itself should, as reportedly instructed by the defence minister, take a close look at the storm-provoking report, and see what conclusions deserve to be drawn from it.

Although rumours about it have been circulating for some time now, and even getting into print, not least at the instigation of the author himself, public interest in the report was largely aroused by a television news account last Friday night. This reflected the contention of systems analyst Dr. Emanuel Wald, now an aluf-mishne in reserves, that the four-volume report he had done for Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy, at his behest, had been deliberately shunted aside by the high command, because its critique of the IDF had been found too harsh to their taste.

The high command was not slow in countering the charge by suggesting that Dr. Wald, an academic staff officer with no field experience, and with a tenuous hold on the realities of military leadership, had sought to dictate to the chief of general staff the precise manner in which his 700-page study should be taken up. That, it must be said, was indeed unacceptable.

Yet it is a pity that the debate has thus become personalized. For what is, or should be, of public interest is only the cogency and relevance of the critique itself.

That cannot be judiciously assessed by anyone who is not intimately familiar with the document, and the army. But it is also the case that some of Dr. Wald's major strictures have been aired by more than one military commentator before him, even if not with the same wealth of detail and so systematically. Certainly the complaint is not new that the IDF, once renowned as a quick and sly fox, has lately been turned into a cumbersome high-tech juggernaut capable of producing masses of firepower but not able to maneuver and improvise. It has unwisely junked the hallowed indirect approach for the wasteful direct approach to war.

Dr. Wald, however, is reported to go a little further. Today's IDF, he says, is to be judged not by the standards of excellence exhibited in the Six Day War, and later at Entebbe and over Ossirak, but by its quite different performance, in Lebanon in 1982. This he claims is the direct result of the failure to draw and assimilate the lessons of its post-1967 war experience, and from the steady militarization of its increasingly self-satisfied officer corps.

That the military command would not take such accusations lying down could have been expected. There is also evidence that Wald's accusations may be grossly exaggerated, and that at least some of the recommendations which flow from them are simply unimplementable.

But they cannot be dismissed without the most searching examination. Such examination could come up with the discovery that, however visionary Dr. Wald's suggested cure may be, his diagnosis is, even if partly, rooted in fact. For the sake of national morale alone the high command, and not only the Knesset, must demonstrate that it is not impervious to criticism and that it is willing to undertake necessary reform, however difficult that may be in the short run.

After all, the nation's very survival may depend on it.

WEIZMAN

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about a possible trip soon by Shultz. The Foreign Ministry's works committee yesterday protested against Weizman's remark in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post* that Rosenne was the biggest "nudnik" in the 1978 Camp David talks.

The works committee said that all

the ministry workers felt "insulted" by Weizman's remark.

Sources at the ministry said that Weizman's remark was especially astonishing in view of his intention to move in October to the Foreign Ministry, where he will serve as a minister under foreign minister-to-be Peres after rotation.

EEC CHIEF-ARAFAT

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be a reason for the 12 to isolate the movement.

Van den Broek recalled that in February he was asked by Community foreign ministers to conduct a programme of quiet diplomacy in the Middle East to establish whether Western Europe could help advance peace efforts.

Earlier, Van den Broek met with the Israeli Ambassador to Holland, Ze'ev Sudof, to reaffirm the Euro-

pean Community position toward the Middle East problem: guarantees for Israel's right to live within secure and recognized frontiers and for the Palestinian people's legitimate rights.

For his part, the Israeli ambassador told Van den Broek that it would be a total contradiction for the EEC to make "a gesture towards the terrorist PLO" while there is a general mobilization in Europe against terrorism, Israeli sources said.

THE WALD AFFAIR that hit the headlines this week was a case of over-statement, over-exposure and over-reaction.

The essential findings of Aluf-Mishne (res.) Emanuel Wald on the long-range state of preparedness of the Israel Defence Forces were published in the media months ago, as were his charges that the chief of general staff had ignored those findings. The matter was virtually ignored by the general public at the time, as it was by three members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee who, at Wald's request, read parts of his work and heard his complaints against the army.

A few minutes on Israel Television last Friday night, however, changed all that. Suddenly Wald became a national figure. The same politicians who had read the report long before his name hit the airwaves were now telling interviewers that they intended to bring the matter up before the full Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, and the same newspapers that had failed to deal with Wald's findings when they first appeared - including this one - were now making him front-page news.

THE OVERALL impression left by Israel TV and the initial follow-up reports was that Wald, head of long-range planning at the IDF's Planning Branch, had discovered the real state of affairs and that the IDF senior command, in order to protect itself, was prepared to sacrifice a talented officer whose only fault was that he had dared speak the truth.

Now, after the defence establishment has had a chance to explain itself - something it was denied on television on Friday night - the story appears somewhat different.

Wald, all admit, was a genius who had prepared a serious four-volume work on the IDF's long-range capabilities and found serious shortcomings. What was not true, the army claimed, was that these had been swept under the carpet. Wald's report, they said, had been presented to the chief of general staff and the defence minister; had been passed on to a Aluf (Major-General in the General Staff) with both academic and military qualifications, for comment; and had been handed back to chief of general staff Rav-Aluf Levy, with a recommendation that the work be discussed by the entire general staff, and that four hours be appropriated for the discussion.

Rav-Aluf Levy added his proviso

More than a media event?

**Post Defence
Correspondent Hirsh
Goodman examines the
background to the
furore over the Wald
report on IDF
preparedness**

that before such a discussion, the report must be submitted to the defence establishment's chief accounting officer for a cost analysis. This, he apparently felt, would allow for a more practical consideration of Wald's findings and recommendations.

Wald, according to the army, refused to submit his work for cost analysis, and refused to agree to a four-hour session, further claiming that the one hour of the four allotted to him for presentation of his work was not enough.

The CGS accordingly sent the report to the deputy CGS and the head of military planning, who were jointly responsible for preparing the IDF's order of battle for the next five years. They were instructed to include all the relevant findings and data from Wald's report in the plan they were due to present shortly.

IF THE ARMY'S version of events - supported, incidentally, by documentation covering each stage of the process - is accurate, Wald's charge that his report was ignored and swept under the carpet hardly holds.

The real truth, however, cannot be established from documents alone. Supposing that each stage outlined by the IDF is correct, is it not still possible that Wald was the victim he claims to have been? The

decision to hand his report first to an Aluf, rather than to the deputy CGS, who would have been the correct address, could have been a delaying tactic by Levy, as could his order that the work be submitted for cost analysis before being presented to the general staff. Wald's claim that Rav-Aluf Levy deliberately tried to prevent the report from being read by the upper echelons of the military gains credibility from the fact that the CGS denied his seemingly logical request that it be distributed to the members of the general staff for preliminary study so that they could at least know what was being discussed.

Add to this that at the time his report was being sent from one confidant of the CGS to the next, Wald came under investigation by the General Security Services, the Shin Bet, on charges of alleged spying (charges of which he was later cleared) and one can begin to understand why he felt he was being persecuted.

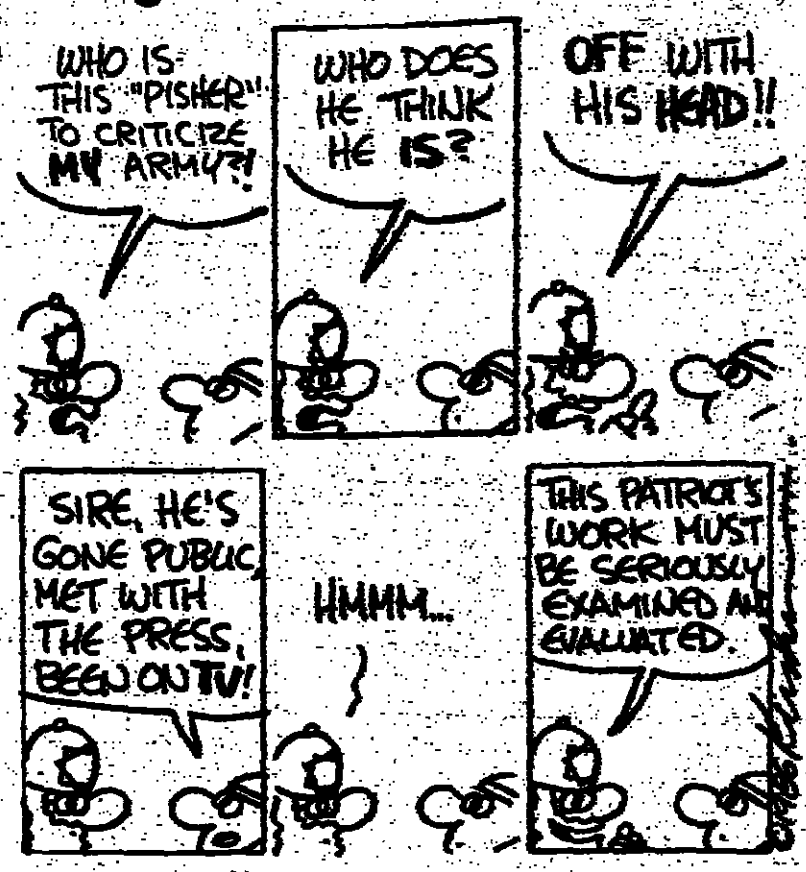
But it is possible that what Wald perceived as persecution and an effort to limit the impact of his report, was in fact reasonable procedure. It is now known that many of Wald's recommendations are simply not practicable, making Levy's decision to first submit it for economic examination an understandable one. Given Wald's total lack of field experience, his background being an academic one, the decision to allow a combat officer, who may not be formally the correct address, but who has the CGS's professional respect and personal trust, to be the first to read the report, also makes sense. The explanation given for not submitting the study to the general staff prior to the debate is that this was to prevent selective leaks - and the general staff is notoriously leaky.

THERE REMAINS the question of the investigation launched against Wald last year at precisely the time he had gone over the CGS's head and approached Defence Minister Rabin with his findings.

On at least three occasions, Wald was found photocopying documents from the private safe of the head of the military planning section very late at night or in the early hours of the morning. According to responsible military officials, he had been caught red-handed.

In accordance with normal procedure, the Shin Bet, which is charged with all counter-espionage activities and is responsible to the prime minister alone, was called in to investigate.

Dry Bones



Though Wald was eventually cleared of spying, he could still have been charged with removing and copying classified documents from a military safe without authorization. Senior defence officials explain that it was because they wanted to avoid any suggestion that Wald was being made a victim because he held opposing views, that they decided not to prosecute.

So again, what Wald could have perceived as a conspiracy against him - and there is no doubt that the investigation could not have been pleasant - was in fact proper procedure. Wald himself does not deny the essentials of the incident; what he contends, however, is that the timing, the ferocity and the circumstances were out of all proportion to the deed.

THERE IS NO knowing what the real truth is. The CGS has not explained adequately why, for example, he did not act on Defence Minister Rabin's recommendation that the report be discussed by the entire general staff; and Wald has not made a totally convincing case that he was

the victim of a conspiracy, and not a victim of paranoia.

Whatever lies behind the unfortunate incident is of secondary importance. What is indisputable is that Wald's work, termed "highly valuable" by the defence minister and "serious" by the chief of general staff, must not be swept away in the deluge of public rhetoric that has come on the tail of Friday night's television report.

The defence establishment consumes 48 per cent of the state budget; it is entrusted with the lives of our children and is responsible for the security of the state.

If only five per cent of Wald's comments are valid, they must be taken into account; and despite the lateness of the hour, it is essential that the general staff discuss the report in its entirety. Wald's charges that the IDF refuses to learn and apply the lessons of the past, and is too arrogant to accept criticism, are too grave to be ignored.

As for the army's personal account with Wald: the issue is the message, not the messenger.

READERS' LETTERS

SERGEANT COHEN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - Your story about Sgt. Cohen and the King of Lampedusa (April 17) brought to my mind another Sgt. Cohen who was cheered, about the same time, by the staff of the Bureau of Applied Social Research at Columbia University.

We were then conducting a study of racial prejudice and racial stereotypes in American comics. After a careful content analysis of different comics, including the most popular Superman, I went to the offices of Superman publications to elicit their comments on the rather gross stereotyping of their heroes and villains, as well as the glaring absence of Jewish names in their war stories.

My questions about Chinese villains were simply brushed off, but when I asked: How come there is not a single war hero with a Jewish name? - the spokesman grinned disarmingly and said: "Now, honestly, can you imagine a hero named Cohen?"

Well, as it happened, a few days later, the newspapers reported a story about a Sgt. Cohen who distinguished himself by great bravery under fire during the capture of a Japanese-occupied island in the Pacific. Our retort to Superman spokesman's question - "Yes, we can!" - was backed by Sgt. Cohen's name when the report on our study was published.

EVA ROSENFELD

Jerusalem.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - We would like all U.S. citizens in Israel to know that finally, the Congress has recently introduced legislation that, if passed, would provide for a federal write-in ballot for all U.S. voters overseas, as a back-up, in the event their locally requested absentee ballot does not reach them within a reasonable time before all federal elections.

The new measure, (H.R. 4393, Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) was introduced by Congressman Al Swift (D. Wash.) and is co-sponsored by several Democratic and Republican members of the House of Representatives.

In practice, this bill would assist American voters in Israel greatly, since in past federal elections, thousands were disenfranchised, because their requested absentee bal-

lot either came too late from their local boards of election, or not at all. With this new bill, should the requested absentee ballot not arrive within 21 days of the election, the overseas voter may go to his nearest U.S. consulate and request a federally printed write-in ballot, vote on the premise and have it mailed to his local election board via the APO pouch.

We urge all Americans in Israel to help in the quick passage of this vital legislation by writing now in support of this bill to Congressman Swift and to your own Congressman/Senator, at U.S. House Office Bldg. (or U.S. Senate Office Bldg.), Washington D.C. (the zip for the House is 20515, for the Senate, 20510).

DAVID FROELICH,

Public Relations,
Democrats Abroad (Israel)

Tel Aviv.

FRANCES GUNTHER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - I am a Canadian journalist who is writing a biography of the late American journalist-author John Gunther (1901-1970). His first wife, Frances (Powell-Fineman) Gunther, was keenly interested in Middle Eastern politics and in the late 1940s left the U.S. to live in Jerusalem. She was a journalist-broadcaster in her own right and a woman of some celebrity. Mrs. Gunther died in Jerusalem on April 6 or 7, 1964.

I would like to learn as much about Mrs. Gunther as possible - particularly about her life in Jerusalem. I would be grateful if people who knew Mrs. Gunther there during the 1950s and early 1960s would contact me at 510 Victoria Street,

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RELATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - I was surprised to read in *The Jerusalem Post* of May 8 a JTA report on an alleged agreement between Greece and Libya, whereby Greece is said to have been granted immunity from Libyan-backed terrorism in return for political support of Muammar Gaddafi. This is totally inaccurate information, since no such agreement has ever been made.

Providing the Israeli public with such unfounded reports cannot help in improving understanding between our two countries. This is all the more to be regretted at a time when particular efforts are being made to improve cooperation and understanding between Israel and Greece, as evidenced by the forthcoming official visit to Greece of Minister of Tourism Avraham Shari.

DIMITRI LOUNDRAS,

Counsellor,
Diplomatic Representation
of Greece in Israel

Tel Aviv.

TENNIS COURSES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - It was heartening to read that instruction in tennis, a sport virtually unknown in the Middle East except to the select few, is now available in separate classes, also to the youth of East Jerusalem.

It would be a pity if training was not made an occasion for the encounter of Jewish and Arab youngsters - a subject so much in the headlines these days.

SALOMÉ BERGER

Jerusalem.

SEMINARS FOR VOLUNTEERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - I refer to Calver Ben David's article of April 27 about mainly non-Jewish volunteers who work and play on kibbutzim.

The kibbutz movement's seminar centres at Eilat and at Givat Hasiya run special seminars, usually lasting three days, for volunteers on kibbutzim. As organizer of the seminars in English at Givat Hasiya, I would like to point out that these seminars take place approximately once a month, and that the attendance at each one is around 50 persons. The vast majority of the volunteers are not Jewish and the programme takes this fact into account. The volunteers hear lectures about Zionism, Israeli

politics, the Jewish-Arab conflict, Israeli-Arab, Jewish life in Israel and, of course, the kibbutz.

Another type of seminar, planned especially for students at kibbutz colleges, takes into account the fact that almost all the participants are Jewish, and Jewish volunteers are welcome to take part in this seminar.

Many kibbutzim organize lectures, Hebrew classes, Israeli folk-dancing and other activities for their volunteers but, unfortunately, there are also a few kibbutzim who neither organize activities for volunteers nor send their volunteers to the seminars that we organize here and at Eilat.

MAURICE HERMAN

Givat Hasiya.

PENFRIENDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - We are representatives, living in Israel, of an organization called Christian Friends of Israel, that has received requests from individuals in more than 40 nations wanting to correspond with Israelis. These people have genuine interest in Israel and the Jewish people and want to eventually visit this land. The correspondents are from a variety of backgrounds and speak many different languages.

We are trying to locate Israelis who would like to be involved in such a correspondence relationship. We have developed guidelines to which each party must agree in writing before any matching is done.

RAY AND SHARON SANDERS

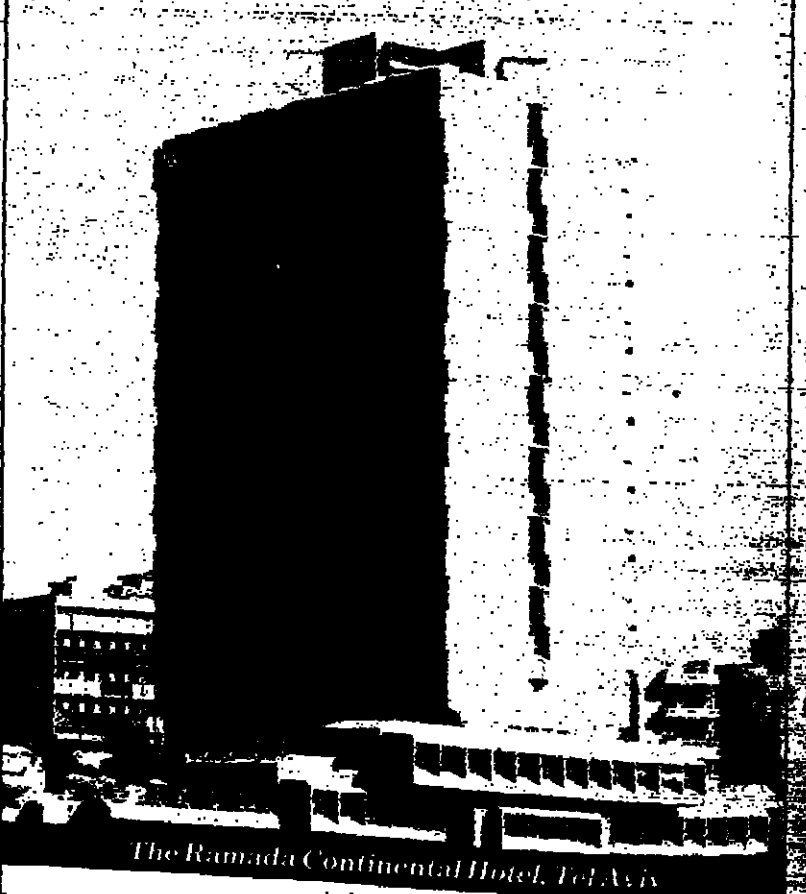
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